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**FAFSA Workshop
scheduled for Jan. 23**

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Educational Services Department and Oklahoma's College Assistance Program will host a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Fundamentals and Oklahoma Promise Workshop January 23 at the Youth and Family auditorium, 231 Seabrook Road in Ada.

The morning session will be from 10 a.m. to noon, the afternoon session from 2 to 4 p.m.

The workshop is open to all Chickasaw citizens and Chickasaw Nation employees. Employees can earn two hours of IDP individual skills development credit by attending.

For more information, contact Katie Akerman at (580) 421- 7711, extension 60914.

**Apply for grants and
scholarships by Feb. 1**

Chickasaw students must apply by February 1 to be eligible for higher education grants and scholarships for the 2015 spring semester.

Students participating in an undergraduate, graduate or doctoral program from an accredited college are eligible to receive assistance through a number of grants and scholarship programs provided through the Chickasaw Nation.

Grants and scholarships assist part-time and full-time students with tuition, books and fees.

Applicants must complete a Programs, Grants and Scholarship Application and provide an official high school or college transcript and schedule of classes.

Applications are available at www.chickasaw.net/highered.

For more information, contact education services at (580) 421-7711.

**Tribe reacts to
DOJ memo on
tribal lands pot**

Chickasaw Nation officials reacted quickly following a recent U.S. Department of Justice memorandum advising attorneys to limit prosecution of federal marijuana laws on tribal lands.

While the memorandum stated "some tribes have requested guidance on enforcement" of the laws, Gov. Bill Anoatubby made it clear the Chickasaw Nation had no plans to change its current policy.

"Regardless of recent changes to U.S. Department of Justice policy, the Chickasaw Nation has no

**Citizens gather for Murray County dinner; receive updates
on developments, new services across the Chickasaw Nation**



Gov. Bill Anoatubby discusses new Chickasaw auto license plates at the Sulphur community dinner Dec. 11. More than 150 people attended the event which at the Murray County Expo Center. Marcy Gray

SULPHUR, Okla. - Murray County-area Chickasaw citizens spent the evening of Dec. 11 in fellowship, learning about new Chickasaw Nation programs, services and upcoming projects at the Sulphur Community Dinner.

More than 150 attended the Christmas-themed event, which included information booths from several Chickasaw Nation departments.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby updated guests on recent Murray County developments, including the Chickasaw Cultural Center, the

Artesian Hotel and Spa, Bedre Chocolates, the Chickasaw Visitor Center, the Chickasaw Welcome Center and the Chickasaw Conference and Retreat Center.

Other updates included information about the new Chickasaw auto license plate, expected to be available in early 2015.

The Murray County dinner complemented similar gatherings in Ardmore, Ada, Oklahoma City and Madill.

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From left, Chickasaw family Shirley, Maelee Gay, Cindy and Tayshon Lewis enjoy the Sulphur-area Chickasaw Community dinner Dec. 11 at the Murray County Expo Center.

Anoatubby tabbed to lead Tribal and Commercial Health at Commerce Department



CHRIS ANOATUBBY

ADA, Okla. - Chris Anoatubby has recently been appointed Undersecretary of Tribal and Commercial Health at the Chickasaw Nation Department of Commerce.

Mr. Anoatubby was appointed by Secretary of Commerce Bill Lance.

"We are pleased Chris is leading our Tribal and Commercial Health division in the Commerce Department," Mr. Lance said. "He has the knowledge and experience to help guide our diversification efforts in the health care industry. He also understands how those efforts fit into our mission to enhance the overall quality of life of all Chickasaw people."

The Tribal and Commercial Health division oversees various citizen programs including pharmacy and mail order prescription, medical assistance, Oklahoma Optical and area Wellness Centers. It also has authority for Sovereign Medical Solutions.

Mr. Anoatubby, a Chickasaw citizen, will serve as administrative leader for all pharmacy and health care-related services within Department of Commerce. He will also manage development of business opportunities that arise in the health care and pharmaceutical sectors. New business initiatives will be consistent with the tribe's business diversification efforts.

Mr. Anoatubby's management responsibilities will also include analyzing industry trends and changes as they relate to medical-related diversification efforts.

"It is humbling and gratifying to be presented this opportunity," Mr. Anoatubby said. "We have a great team and I look forward to planning and leading our team to help better serve all Chickasaws. I'm dedicated to fulfilling our mission of enhancing the quality of life of all Chickasaw people."

Improving access to programs and services, Mr. Anoatubby said, would be a primary focus.

"Citizens should experience no fundamental changes in their health care programs," he said. "Any variations will be communicated so citizens will have the

information to access their services."

Mr. Anoatubby, 42, has previously served nine years as Chickasaw Nation Department of Health Chief of Pharmacy Services.

He received a bachelor's degree in pharmacy from the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy. He is currently completing a master's degree in business administration at Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

Mr. Anoatubby has also served as an adjunct faculty member at the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy and the Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy.

He is actively involved in the Ada community. He is a member

of Trinity Baptist Church youth ministry. He is a board member on the Byng Excellence in Education Foundation, East Central University Foundation, Ada Area Chamber of Commerce, Central Oklahoma American Indian Health Council, United Way of Central Oklahoma, Children's Hospital Board of Advocates and the Ada Jobs Foundation.

Mr. Anoatubby was named U.S. Indian Health Service Oklahoma City Area "Young Pharmacist of the Year" in 2007 and in 2012. He has been named to "Achievers Under 40" by the *Journal Record* of Oklahoma City.

Chris Anoatubby and his wife, Becky, have three children and live in Ada.

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Elders' Annual Christmas Luncheon



Chickasaw elders sing hymns during the Elders' Christmas Luncheon. The annual event was celebrated Dec. 18 at the Pontotoc County Agriplex in Ada. Many elders and others attended the luncheon and enjoyed food and fellowship.

File for exemption by April 15 at healthcare.gov

ACA does not require insurance enrollment by Indians

Treaties between Indian tribes and the United States exempt most Native Americans and Alaska Natives from mandatory enrollment in the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Members of federally-recognized Indian tribes and Alaska Natives will not face fines and penalties if they do not purchase

insurance through the ACA Health Insurance Marketplace as long as they file paperwork declaring their exempted status with government agencies. Native people may visit <http://www.Healthcare.gov> to file an exemption. Native Americans must file for the exemption by April 15, 2015. Natives using U.S. mail

must have exemption paperwork postmarked by April 15. Health care is provided by the U.S. Indian Health Services (IHS), which received a boost when the ACA was passed in 2010. The ACA includes permanent reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act <http://www.ihs.gov/ihcia/>. It extends

current law and authorizes new programs and services within the Indian Health Service.

Few changes have occurred for Native Americans since the 2014 roll out of the ACA.

However, Chickasaw Nation health experts have called attention to a few changes that may prove beneficial to Native Americans. Experts encourage all Indian people to explore options through the Health Insurance Marketplace. In many instances, purchasing an ACA policy could defray expenses incurred when medical treatment is administered at a non-IHS facility.

The federal government also encourages exploration of ACA policies for Indian people. Depending on an individual's annual income and how it equates to the federally established poverty level, many plans can be purchased by Indians as a "supplemental" policy to IHS at little cost when federal subsidies are factored into the policy's expense.

Native Americans may enroll in ACA at any time. They may also

change policies once a month if so inclined. For non-Natives, open enrollment began Nov. 15, 2014 and runs through Feb. 15, 2015.

The government estimates 70 percent of Native Americans and Alaska Natives must travel to an IHS facility to receive medical care. It estimates only 30 percent of the approximately 1.5 million Natives reside in tribal territories with an IHS medical facility readily available to them for health care needs.

Visit <http://www.health.gov/care-coverage> to examine state plans. If you live in Oklahoma, a state that did not accept Medicaid expansion or set up an exchange, still select "Oklahoma" and you will be taken to a site operated by the federal government to compare plans available through ACA.

Chickasaws who reside in states without an exchange may follow the same procedure, selecting their respective states to explore ACA options.

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desire to pursue growing or selling marijuana," Gov. Anoatubby said. "The Chickasaw Nation plans to continue its current policy of abiding by state marijuana laws on lands where we have legal jurisdiction."

The Chickasaw Nation has long had a close relationship with a number of state and local law enforcement agencies, which includes cooperative efforts to enforce marijuana laws on tribal lands.

"We plan to continue cooperating with the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs and other state and local law enforcement agencies to enforce state marijuana laws within the Chickasaw Nation jurisdictional area," Gov. Anoatubby said. "We do not foresee a situation which would cause us to change our current policy."

According to numerous media reports, only three of 566 federal-

ly-recognized tribes have plans to legalize growing or selling marijuana on tribal lands.

The recent DOJ memorandum would place tribes who plan to legalize the cultivation or sale of marijuana on a similar footing to states who have legalized cannabis.

That policy, based on an August 29, 2013 Memorandum only makes prosecution of federal marijuana a high priority if one or more of eight specific circumstances is met.

The DOJ would make prosecution a high priority to:

- Prevent the distribution of marijuana to minors;
- Prevent revenue from the sale of marijuana from going to criminal enterprises, gangs, and cartels;
- Prevent the diversion of marijuana from states where it is legal under state law in some form to other states;

• Prevent state-authorized marijuana activity from being used as cover or pretext for the trafficking of other illegal drugs or illegal activity;

• Prevent violence and the use of firearms in the cultivation and distribution of marijuana;

• Prevent drugged driving and the exacerbation of other adverse public health consequences associated with marijuana use;

• Prevent the growing of marijuana on public lands and the attendant public safety and environmental dangers posed by marijuana production on public lands; and

• Prevent marijuana possession or use on federal property.

While enforcement of marijuana laws on tribal territories will be a higher priority in those situations, the DOJ may enforce federal those laws absent these circumstances.

Chickasaw composer adapts 'Peter Pan Live' compositions for special NBC presentation



Emmy Award-winning Chickasaw composer and musician Jerod Tate runs through arrangements on piano in his Oklahoma City home. Mr. Tate's expertise was tapped by entertainment executives to help rework the song "Ugg-a-Wugg" for an NBC special live presentation of "Peter Pan Live" which aired nationally Dec. 4.

OKLAHOMA CITY – America sat down December 4 to rediscover one of its favorite stories in "Peter Pan Live." A Chickasaw composer played an important role in bringing the live production to life.

He's an Emmy Award-winner. He labors daily on music compositions featuring Native American languages.

At 46, Jerod Tate is entering the zenith years of his musical career – writing commissioned works for symphonies in the U.S. and Canada, teaching, encouraging, studying and researching.

That dedication to craft, a reputation of solid compositions, and a childlike willingness to explore brought him to the attention of an important man who, in turn, advanced Mr. Tate to NBC executives.

With Mr. Skyhawk's blessings, Mr. Tate was hired as a "Peter Pan Live" consultant. The special aired on NBC last month.

Governor Bill Anoatubby said Mr. Tate was an excellent choice for the task of weaving Native American culture into this American classic.

"Jerod Tate's experience working with Chickasaw language and culture as well as the culture and language of other tribes make him particularly well-suited for success with this project," Gov. Anoatubby said. "He is a talented and creative composer with the knowledge and commitment necessary to honor both Native American culture and the work of the original composer."

UGG-A-WUGG REVISITED

J.M. Barrie envisioned Peter Pan in 1902. The Scottish writer included him in a story "The Little White Bird." The tale-telling of a boy who "never grows up" was revamped by Barrie in 1904. However, it is the 1953 animated film by Walt Disney that captured America's attention ... and its heart.

Peter Pan's adventures in mythical Neverland bring him into contact with a plethora of characters,

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Gov. Anoatubby speaks with Chickasaw citizen and Sulphur-area resident Wayne Edgar at the Murray County Community dinner Dec. 11. More than 150 area residents attended.

Citizens At-Large Help Number

For information on services or help with questions, call toll-free 1-866-466-1481.

Military care packages

The Chickasaw Nation distributes military care packages to service personnel stationed away from their permanent residences.

The military care package distribution list is made up of Chickasaws, spouses of Chickasaws, Chickasaw Nation employees, spouses of employees and children of employees on active duty and stationed away from their permanent residences.

If you know men or women who fit the criteria and would like to add them to the military care package list, please contact Lauren Osborne at (580) 310-6451 or lauren.osborne@chickasaw.net.

Thank you for your assistance and for supporting our troops!

This month on CNTV

Chickasaw Homeownership

The Chickasaw Nation is hosting several homeownership seminars this year. The seminars are free and help citizens plan and prepare to buy a home. Find out more about this program this month on CNTV.

ARTesian Gallery

In the heart of downtown Sulphur, the ARTesian Gallery showcases Chickasaw and Southeastern art. Watch CNTV to learn more about the gallery and the growing art community in Chickasaw Country.

Oklahoma Optical

January is National Eye Care Month. Chickasaw-owned Oklahoma Optical offers a large selection of glasses and contact lenses to Chickasaw citizens and the public.

....and much more! New episodes are available on the 1st and 15th of each month.

Visit www.chickasaw.tv and click on the News channel to watch CNTV.

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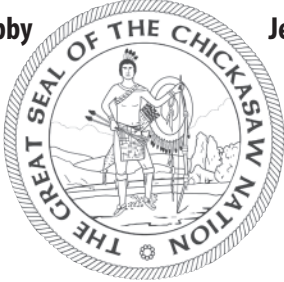
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Much progress for 2014, and more to come in the year ahead!



GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

Governor, the Chickasaw Nation

With the advent of the new year, we can take a moment to reflect on what has been achieved in 2014 and greet the opportunities that await us in 2015. The Chickasaw Nation took some great strides forward during the year just past. We can see the progress in a tangible way through the new facilities that went up in 2014. We now have brick-and-mortar achievements that are benefitting tribal education, the arts, commerce, tourism, heritage preservation, Chickasaw careers and more. We are a nation of builders, and we consistently build excellent facilities with a purpose. Each building that goes up exists to serve the Chickasaw people fully and well. During 2014, Chickasaws had expand-

ed opportunities to access the tribe's many programs and services. In housing, education, at-large outreach, transportation, health care, veteran services and so much more, the Chickasaw Nation built up its foundation of important core services. During the year, more Chickasaw than ever before became engaged with their tribe and benefitted from one or more of the many services we can now offer. Our successes are thanks to all of us pulling together down the right path. Your support, your encouragement and your being engaged with your tribe are more helpful than you know. We are a formidable team now, and together we are building on our successes. The Chickasaw Nation is recognized as a

premier tribe, and rightly so. We are united in purpose, and that translates into real achievements that properly serve all Chickasaw people. Your tribe has great new opportunities in store for 2015. Every time we roll out a new program, service or other outreach, it is designed to fulfill our mission of enhancing the quality of life of all Chickasaws. There is never an end to that mission. Making your life better is job number one at the Chickasaw Nation! Please accept my sincere wishes for a Happy New Year full of love, happiness and prosperity. Your tribe is always here to serve you, and 2015 will prove to be our best year yet!

Children's Christmas Celebrations



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including pirates, fairies, the Lost Boys and Native Americans. When Peter Pan, Tiger Lily and the Lost Boys make a pact to battle to the end against Captain Hook, they sing a song of solidarity called "Ugg-a-Wugg."

Sensibilities in musical theatre, Mr. Tate said, are often irksome to many ethnicities. The 1953 version of "Ugg-a-Wugg" needed to be addressed.

"When I visited with David Chase, who is the musical director, and Amanda Green, the daughter of the original lyricist (Adolph Green), we all were targeting the exact same things,"

Mr. Tate said of the new version of "Ugg-a-Wugg," now titled "True Blood Brothers."

The trio decided song rhythms, the lyric "ugg-a-wugg" and what Mr. Tate called "nonsensical giberish," required an overhaul.

"In the film, even in live performances, you have this Atlanta Braves Tomahawk Chop feel," Mr. Tate said. "We all decided that had to go. Instead of 'Tomahawk Chop' it needed to be Peter Pan whimsical fun. That, and the phrase ugg-a-wugg, needed a lyric that is an actual Indian word or phrase."

A TRUE BLOOD BROTHER

To Mr. Tate's pleasure, he discovered his collaborator Mr. Chase was Wyandotte.

"To find that David is a member of the Native community was not only amazing, it was absolutely perfect," he said.

Mr. Tate found two Wyandotte dictionaries and began searching for a word or phrase to replace the potentially offensive "ugg-a-wugg."

What he discovered delighted him, both as a composer and someone walking a tight rope of changing the work of another.

"I know I wouldn't want someone changing my work unless I was consulted first," Mr. Tate said.

Fortunately, the daughter of the man who wrote the lyric was fully on board with changing it, a relief for Mr. Tate.

The lyric in the nationally-televised show was "Oh Wah Hey," which means "come here" in the Wynadotte tongue.

"Rhythmically, it works perfectly with the lyric ugg-a-wugg," Mr. Tate said, singing both versions to illustrate its unique beauty.

Musically, it worked, too. Mr. Tate and Mr. Chase added

Latin rhythms to the score and altered other elements, such as the dominant "ONE-two-three-four, ONE-two-three-four" beat, thus giving life to "True Blood Brothers" and satisfying the need for "Peter Pan whimsical fun" while eliminating burdensome Indian stereotyping.

"I am humbled and very grateful I was given this challenge," Mr. Tate said. "Working as a team, we accomplished something that potentially could change the very fabric of an already brilliant work and that is truly satisfying."

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Plenty of great progress throughout the Chickasaw Nation for 2014...and there is so much more to come!

Chukma, Chinchukma, Hello, how are you? In looking back over 2014, I am amazed at all that was accomplished in the Chickasaw Nation. Each year just gets better than the last. Our businesses continue to do well, allowing more and more people to get meaningful jobs with excellent benefits.

The money made by our businesses provides programs and services for our people, both inside the Chickasaw Nation and those living all over the United States. Last year more money was budgeted for Educational Services than ever before. Education has always been a high priority for Chickasaws. Be sure to check out the wonderful educational programs available for Chickasaws of all ages in the Programs and Services Guide or at our website, www.Chickasaw.net.

We had several ribbon cuttings in 2014: Remodeling of the Headquarters Gym, the Chickasaw Community Center in Ardmore, Sovereign Medical Center and Pharmacy near the Riverwind Casino, Exhibit C Art Gallery at Bricktown in Oklahoma City, and a brand new exit road off I 35 to Winstar Casino. We also enjoyed breaking ground for a brand new child care center in Ardmore.

It's been a great year! My greatest privilege and pleasure this past year has been to be able to attend Community Council meetings and get to meet so many of our great citizens face to face. I love to visit with you all to discover the connections between our families. Also, by getting to know you, it allows me to better serve your needs. Please don't hesitate to call if I can help you in any way. We can be proud of what we have accomplished this past year by working together. Let's make 2015 the best year ever! Chipisala' cho anowa, Until I see you again, Nancy Pontotoc District Seat 2 580-399-4374 Nancy.Elliott@Chickasaw.net

'A Time for New Beginnings' as we embark on our brand new year

Pray blessings over each and every one of you for a happy, healthy 2015. Here's a New Year message I found that gives me hope for the days to come.

"This is a time for reflection as well as celebration. As you look back on the past year and all that has taken place in your life, remember each experience for the good that has come of it and for the knowledge you have gained. Remember the efforts you have made and the goals you have reached. Remember the love you have shared and the happiness you have brought. Remember the laughter, the joy, the hard work and the tears. And as you reflect on the past year, also be thinking of the new one to come. Because most importantly, this is a time of new beginnings and the celebration of life."

May God make your year a happy one! Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain, But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes; Not by making your path easy, But by making you sturdy to travel any path; Not by taking hardships from you, But by taking fear from your heart; Not by granting you unbroken sunshine, But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows; Not by making your life always pleasant, But by showing you when people and their causes need you most, and by making you anxious to be there to help. God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Shana Tate Hammond Pickens District, Seat 4 (580) 235-1438 shana.hammond@chickasaw.net



SHANA HAMMOND

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

One young Chickasaw man is very thankful for the gifts of life and health that the new year brings

A new year brings to mind all of the usual things...a resolution to lose weight, eat healthier, get in touch with those long lost friends or spend more time with the family. For one young man, this New Year does bring a new lease on life! Zachary Nichols appears to be just like any other 17 year old high school senior, however, he carries a 7 inch scar on his chest that is a reminder of how things have changed. When Zach was seven years old it was discovered that he had a heart murmur. By the time he was twelve an aneurism had developed on the ascending aortic valve of his heart. Frequent office visits allowed doctors kept a close eye on his situation.

Each year student athletes are required to take a physical in order to participate in school athletics. While taking his annual physical, it was discovered that Zachary's aneurism had increased rapidly from his three month's prior doctor appointment. On August 29, 2014 Zach and his parents, Chris and Vicki Nichols made a trip to Medical City in Dallas, Texas. The surgical team removed his faulty valve and replaced it with a brand new artificial valve. A week later he was released and bound for home! Based on doctor's orders he was to remain out of school for three weeks. Week four found Zach right where he wanted to be, at Tulsa, Oklahoma competing at a livestock show with his sheep! Eight weeks out from surgery, Zach was given his doctor's blessing to resume all activities!

If you were to locate Zach today, you might see him on the basketball court involved with a competitive game helping his team, the Achille Eagles secure a win. Or you might see him in a deer stand waiting for the "big one" to come by. When not playing ball (basketball or baseball) or tracking a deer, you can find him fishing or maybe even duck hunting with his faithful sidekick, Rawlings. Future plans for Zach include attending Murray State in Tishomingo, OK. Or continuing to expand his welding skills by attending Vo-tech in Durant, Ok. Zachary spends his down time with his brother, Mason, Sister Brittanie or nephew, Bryson. His proud grandparents are: Richard and Brenda May of Sadler, TX. Rita and Larry Manning of Kemp, OK and Jim Bob Nichols of Kemp, OK.

A new year? For this young Chickasaw, Absolutely! A new year, a new heart valve and a new lease on life. And He that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And He said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. Revelation 21:5 Beth Alexander P.O.Box 246 Achille, OK. 74720 (580)272-7850



Zachary Nichols and his dog, Rawlings, after duck hunting.

Bryan Conservation District offers trees

The Bryan Conservation District, in Durant, Okla., is taking orders for a variety of fruit and landscape trees. Orders will be accepted through Feb. 20. For details, call Debbie at (580) 924-5464 or stop by the office at 200 Gerlach, Durant.

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Native Praise Choir features female singers from 15 distinct tribes; began as Five Civilized Tribes hymns

Hello Everyone, I hope your holidays were memorable in good ways and your new year is off to a great start! In this letter, I want to recognize the talent and dedication of the members of the Native Praise Choir and the attentiveness and reverence of the students of Byng School.



KATIE CASE

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

The Native Praise Choir is a choral group whose members number approximately 60 and represent 15 different Native American tribes. It was started in 1999 to perform traditional hymns of the Five Civilized Tribes, the Chickasaw, Choctaw, Cherokee, Seminole and Creek, in their respective native languages. The choir, directed by Creek/Seminole Augusta Smith has performed in Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, the Carolinas, Alabama, Arkansas, Hawaii, Tennessee and, of course, Oklahoma. They have sung in the Plaza at the Grand Ole Opry and even traveled to England to perform.

Each singer performs in her traditional dress and introduces herself to the audience, sometimes taking time to address the students or explain and even demonstrate a feature of a garment.

Augusta spoke to the kids about the importance of staying in school and getting a good education, and one Creek singer demonstrated why her dress was longer in the back by simply bending down, reaching between her ankles to catch the longer, back portion of her skirt and pulling it to the front. She explained that the skirt was then short enough to cross streams without getting wet! The singers are from Tulsa, Okmulgee, Okemah, and Shawnee, Ada and cities and towns all over Oklahoma. They are also from many walks of life. There are teachers, healthcare workers, business professionals, some active and some retired.

Judging by the reaction, the kids' favorite may have been the woman who declared her profession as "being a Grandma"! Three Chickasaws, Merry Monroe, Suzanne Russell and Ruby McMillan were part of the recent performance at Byng. As an audience, the Byng students hung on every word. At one quiet point in the performance, the students were so genuinely and silently engrossed in the experience that I seriously think I could have heard a pin drop. The performers, who were singing songs a cappella, as they had been sung during removal on the Trail of Tears, truly connected with the students, many of whom were hearing their ancestors' native tongues for the first time. As a former educator and employee of Byng, I am so proud of the students' behavior and so honored to be able to say that I taught where the student's are so respectful. And, I was truly blessed to witness such a wonderful audience receiving such a moving performance. If you need me, email me at katie.case@chickasaw.net or give me a call at (580) 421-4903. Respectfully, Katie



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Our tribe hit a number of ‘high notes’ in 2014; there is much more on the horizon for the coming year!

Chokma and Happy New Year! Greetings from the Tishomingo District! I hope you and your family had a joyous Christmas, a Happy New Year and a wonderful holiday season.

This time of year we often reflect on the accomplishments of the past year and look forward to what the New Year has in store.



TIM COLBERT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

During 2014, the Chickasaw Nation once again made great progress in our mission to enhance the quality of Chickasaw lives – of all ages.

We broke ground for a new Child Development Center in Ardmore, opened the newly-renovated Ardmore Community Center, opened the re-imagined “old” gymnasium behind tribal headquarters in Ada and improved access for our guests at the WinStar World Casino and Resort by opening a new exit on I-35. These are just a few of the recent accomplishments.

Progress like we experienced in the past years improve the lives of not only Chickasaws but lives of people in our communities.

Even the Christmas season in many of our towns experienced

new energy and excitement, thanks in part to our contributions from our facilities. For example, the Chickasaw Cultural Center and the Artesian Hotel each offered special Christmas programs and celebrations, which were well received and successful. We are thankful we can do a part to make these community-wide celebrations thrive.

The New Year is sure to bring additional exciting developments in all areas of the Chickasaw Nation, such as finalizing plans for a veterans center for Chickasaw veterans to be built near Tishomingo.

We will strive for continued success in our commerce activities, tourism efforts, and meeting our goal of enhancing and improving programs and services.

We are also able preserve and share our heritage, culture and language for future generations and offer vital programs and services for our all citizens, both who reside in the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation and those who live outside the boundaries, because of our economic enterprises. These businesses’ successes help fund programs such as education, senior centers, health care, youth services and housing, among others.

As always, thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative on the Chickasaw legislature.

Happy New Year.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Tim Colbert
Tim.Colbert@chickasaw.net
580-421-7242

Community council gatherings in Albuquerque, Purcell and Oklahoma City make for wonderful visits

Chukma! Chin Chukma to all my friends in the great Chickasaw Nation. Everything is well with me and I had a wonderful Christmas and am praying for a prosperous and healthy New Year for us all.



DEAN MCMANUS

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

In spite of all the holiday functions in December, the Legislature still had its work to do. We met in committee meetings and Committee of the Whole and passed three resolutions in Legislative Session. One of the resolutions authorized an expansion of the Purcell Clinic in order to provide more physical therapy services and improve the smoother traffic flow throughout the building. We also authorized the acquisition of two pieces of real estate, one in Tishomingo and one in Duncan.

Several of us attended and enjoyed the Purcell and Oklahoma City Community Councils’ Christmas meetings. Purcell held an auction and Oklahoma City held a silent auction as fund-raisers. We enjoy those so much. We also attended the annual Albuquerque

Community Council’s Christmas gathering. Governor Anoatubby also attended in Albuquerque and was the hit of the show. Everyone wanted their picture taken with him and he announced all the wonderful programs we have for at-large Chickasaws and answered questions. Nearly 100 citizens attended the function. The annual seniors’ Christmas Dinner in Ada was very enjoyable, as always.

Over the last four years or so, I have been involved with the National Foundation for Women Legislators (NFWL). I’m honored to tell you that the membership has elected me to the Board of Directors. There is a news release in this issue of *the Times* that explains more about it. I am humbled by the trust in me they have shown by electing me to a position of responsibility.

Please contact me through dean.mcmanus@chickasaw.net or call me at 580.436.1460.

Chi ihullo li! (I love you!)

Dean McManus, Pontotoc District Seat 4

Development Budget Amendment for Purcell Clinic will expand space, include physical therapy and more

Chokma, I hope all is well with you and your family.

It was so good to spend time with our elders at the Chickasaw Elders Thanksgiving Lunch at the Agri-Plex in Ada. Thank you to all those who prepared and served the delicious meal; it was



TOBY PERKINS

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

wonderful. I can never get enough turkey, dressing and cranberry sauce, and you did a great job taking care of our treasured elders. I am looking forward to the Elder Christmas Lunch in a few days as well; there are always beautiful handmade items, crafts, art and food available for those who have Christmas shopping left to do.

In Legislative session we approved a resolution that will be of great interest to citizens in the Purcell area. It is a Development Budget Amendment for the Purcell Clinic Expansion Phase II in the amount of \$1,700,000, which will bring the total budget for the project to \$6,800,000. The newly approved funding will allow for 3,000 more square feet (in addition to the 10,000 square feet already planned), to include physical therapy

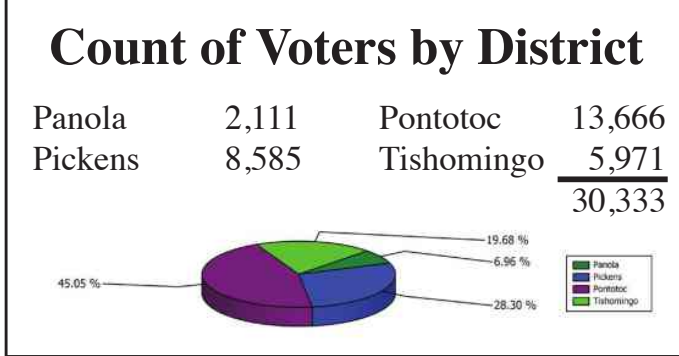
as well more efficient patient flow. I am very excited about the dental, imaging, and physical therapy services that will greatly improve the level of care provided to our people.

Alesha and I took our daughter and granddaughter to the beautifully decorated Chickasaw Cultural Center to have her first picture with Santa. I will let the picture speak for itself. Priceless memories!

Christmas is so special because of the gift God gave to us all, his Son. I hope you and your family have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I would love to hear from you. Please contact me with your concerns, needs or questions. I am here to help.

May God bless you and your family.
Toby Perkins, Legislator
Pontotoc District, Seat 1
580-399-2606
toby.perkins@chickasaw.net



Together we can prevent diabetes!

Mr. Eagle’s Nest

This month, I’d like to ask you to try a vegetable at snack-time or meal-time. My friends, Rain that Dances and Thunder Cloud, love to eat vegetables of all colors. **Try different colors of vegetables to keep your whole body healthy.**

Rain has a joke for you today:
What vegetable do you get when a large animal walks through your garden?

Hint: There are summer and winter kinds and in Chickasaw you say *olbi*.

Tune in to **KCNP 89.5 FM** Wednesdays around 7:35 am and 4:35 pm to hear more about Mr. Eagle and his friends.

We want to hear what’s happening in your nest!
Visit www.eagleadventure.com or call 580-272-5596 to share what fruit or vegetable snacks you enjoy or tell us your favorite recipe!

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Ardmore High School senior Stella Enriquez, left, and sophomore Sam Hulsey volunteer their time at the healthy soup booth Nov. 21 at the Ardmore High School “Harvest Your Health” student-lead health fair.

Chickasaw, public school students volunteer at ‘Havest Your Health’ health fairs

November was a busy month for many Chickasaw Nation high school students.

Ada and Ardmore students recently volunteered their time at school health fairs. The events were Nov. 20 and 21 and featured a message of healthy eating at both high schools.

Both fairs included a variety of booths focused on promoting a healthier lifestyle for students. Hundreds of students participated and learned about the importance of healthy eating and living healthy and active lifestyles.

The health fairs were a collaboration among the Chickasaw Nation, the Oklahoma State Department of Health, the Oklahoma Hospital Association, and Health Corps, a nonprofit organization founded by Dr. Mehmet Oz and his wife Lisa Oz. Health Corps provides trained coordinators to high-risk high schools to implement a curriculum focused on mental resilience, nutrition and fitness.

“We are very proud of the hard work by the volunteers at both the Ada and Ardmore health fairs,” Health Corps coordinator Bethany Maddox said. “We are thankful for the opportunity for the students to show others what they have worked hard to accomplish. These health fairs give them the opportunity to shine.”

‘Basic Acting for the Camera’ class for children, teens and adults set for Jan. 13

Basic acting for the camera class for children, teens and adults will be offered by the tribe in January.

The first series is set for 6 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 13 at the Arts & Humanities building, 201 N. Broadway in Ada. The classes will be in the Black Box Theatre. Students will meet each Tuesday evening for six weeks. Registration deadline is Jan. 9. The classes are sponsored by the Arts & Humanities performing arts department.

Week one will introduce students to terminology, different types of scripts, staying in frame and hitting your mark. Week two covers slating and different auditioning styles. Week three covers working with a script. Character development utilizing a short monologue will be the focus of weeks four and five. A monologue will be assigned for memorization and will be rehearsed. During week six, students will perform the monologue at a formal audition. All materials will be appropriate for each age category.

The class is limited to 10 students to allow one-on-one instruction. Children must be at least eight years old to participate. A second basic series will begin on March 2 using the same curriculum. A waiting list will be maintained.

An intermediate class of on-camera scene work will be offered in April. Students interested in taking the intermediate class must first have completed the basic class.

For more information and to register, contact Debra Bailey at debra.bailey@chickasaw.net or performance@chickasaw.net or at 580-272-5520.

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Chickasaw Nation Medical Center offering nicotine replacement therapy

The holidays are concluded and, with the new year, resolutions have been established. The Chickasaw Nation offers help to those seeking to live healthier lives. One key program helps people avoid commercial tobacco.

“This program is here not only to help improve the quality of lives of those who use the services offered by the Chickasaw Nation, but also make it a safer environment for those who visit our facilities,” Chickasaw Nation Tobacco Prevention Coordinator Tina Matthew-Price said. “Cutting down on tobacco use limits exposure to second- and third-hand smoke which affects the health and well-being of everyone exposed.”

The Chickasaw Nation Medical Center has partnered with the Oklahoma Hospital Association to offer Nicotine Replacement Therapy to patients who want to kick the tobacco habit. The program functions as an electronic referral system working with the 1-800-Quit-Now Hotline. The electronic referral system commenced on National Smoke Out Day, Nov. 20.

The Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline service is provided free to all Oklahomans and is funded by the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust. For more information on quitting tobacco, contact a representative from the Tobacco Helpline at 1-800-QUIT-NOW, or visit www.okhelpline.com

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Programs & Services Directory available

The 2015 Programs & Services Directory is now available for download at Chickasaw.net/servicedirectory. Hard copies will soon be mailed directly to all Chickasaw citizens.

The Programs & Services Directory contains information about all tribal programs and services. Inside the directory are program descriptions, contact information and office locations.

Mr. Durant cited for 65-year union membership

‘Chilocco couple’ has made the best of boarding school lessons



Albert and Norene Durant attend a special banquet in Texas honoring Mr. Durant with a 65-year pin as a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

DALLAS - The very fabric of the life they have woven together for 65 years has a commonality few could replicate.

Albert and Norene Durant are Native Americans.

Both attended Chilocco Indian School.

Both credit the school – located in the far reaches of northern Oklahoma’s Kay County near the Kansas border – for providing skills to succeed in life.

Mr. Durant, a Chickasaw, grew up in Eastern Oklahoma at McAlester. Mrs. Durant, who is Shawnee, Delaware and Creek, grew up in Sperry, Oklahoma, north of Tulsa. They met at Chilocco. They married in Tulsa and began making a life together in Texas in 1948 after Mr. Durant was discharged from the U.S. Army after World War II combat in France and Germany.

Governor Bill Anoatubby said the couple epitomized the values that are typical of many who graduated from the school.

“Mr. and Mrs. Durant represent the dedication to family, work and community which were part

of the educational experience for many who attended Chilocco,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “Many of those who graduated from the school say that strong values were integral to their education.”

The Durants are still in Texas, in the same house they purchased with help from the GI Bill, the legislation that helped returning servicemen upon their return from WWII. The couple reared three children. They celebrate life together with fondness – and orneriness – as only a couple can that have been together so long.

“You couldn’t move that ol’ Indian out of Texas for any reason,” she chides him.

“I wish you’d stop talking so I could hear this man’s questions,” was his calm rejoinder.

He’s 91. She’s 87.

Call it happenstance, good fortune or just plain luck. Even Mr. Durant proclaims enrolling in electrical school in Dallas was one of “the best moves I’ve ever made.”

The schooling landed him a job with – what once was – one

of the largest electrical contracting companies in America. Ling, Oliver, O’Dwyer found a place for Mr. Durant and immediately recognized his talent.

It wasn’t long before he was promoted as a foreman for the company, overseeing huge jobs and complicated work assigned to subcontractors.

His professionalism opened another door.

Ling, Oliver, O’Dwyer were union-affiliated. In order to continue his association with the firm, Mr. Durant would have to join the local chapter of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW). In 1948, he signed up and began paying dues while continuing his association with the massive, nationwide electrical company that employed thousands.

Two very uncommon situations by today’s standards arose from Mr. Durant’s trade.

His entire life, Mr. Durant worked for one company – Ling, Oliver, O’Dwyer. In 1988, he decided to retire after 40 years with the firm. However, Mr. Durant continued to pay dues and be active in the IBEW.

In October 2014, IBEW recognized Mr. Durant’s loyalty and contributions to the union after 65 years of membership. He received his 65-year pin from the local union in a special ceremony in Grand Prairie, Texas.

And, despite the fact she likes to tease her husband about “staying put,” Mrs. Durant’s voice becomes almost song-like when she talks about her husband’s work, dedication to family and ability to work for a single company his entire career.

“We’re proud of him,” she said. “He was always a hard worker and always did the very best he could for his family.”

She said all three of their children – Raenelle, 65; Linda, 62; and Albert, 61 – have the “stick-to-it” trait of their parents.

“I believe Chilocco helped both

of us,” Mrs. Durant said. “We had teams we were assigned with. If it was mopping floors, peeling potatoes, making beds or washing, we worked as a team at Chilocco and completed the tasks that were asked of us.”

Mrs. Durant worked for a time as a telephone operator – back when you could actually talk to a real person who would assist you – and also enjoyed a 13-year career working in retail for Sears.

Mr. Durant feels much the same way about his Chilocco experience.

“The men were taught a trade

and the regimen was pretty basic,” he said. “We trained and practiced our trade and we worked together to solve problems and keep things running (at the school),” Mr. Durant noted. “It was disciplined education and preparation.”

It was that discipline that guided Mr. Durant’s career and his life, his wife observed.

Forty years with one company and 65 years as a member of the same worker’s union serves as proof.

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Chickasaw man ‘comes home’ to Chickasaw Nation to battle tumor



John Hunt, left, met with Governor Bill Anoatubby, center, at a recent gathering of Chickasaws in Ada. With Mr. Hunt were his 10-year-old brother, James, and father, Glen.

ADA, Okla. – John Hunt was looking forward to studying culinary arts in Arizona.

On a warm July day in Tucson, his plans took a decidedly nightmarish detour – one that catapulted him to the territorial lands of his Chickasaw ancestors where his warrior spirit could lay siege upon a brain tumor the size of a tennis ball.

and months of further treatment draw nigh.

“John Hunt’s courage and positive attitude are a source of inspiration for anyone who knows him,” Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. “His strength of spirit is only matched by the support of his family and friends who continue to keep him in their thoughts and prayers. All of us who know him will keep him and his family in our prayers this holiday season and throughout his battle with this terrible disease.”

“I’m a little worried about the treatments ahead,” John Hunt admits. “Introducing a foreign chemical into your system is frightening, but I will get through it.”

RADIATION FOR FIVE WEEKS

“I was just walking across a street when I collapsed,” John Hunt said.

Aside from an occasional headache, he was unaware cancer was threatening his life until he found himself being loaded into an ambulance and taken to a Tucson hospital.

There, scans, tests and doctors confirmed his plight.

Proud of his Chickasaw blood, the 21-year-old said he wanted to take the fight to the land of the Unconquered and Unconquerable Chickasaw Nation. He believed being close to relatives, the Chickasaw people and evoking the power of his tribe would lead him to victory over the illness.

Arizona doctors blessed the move, recommending treatment at Stephenson Cancer Center, a part of OU Medical Center.

“I asked the doctors if we should make the journey,” said John Hunt’s father, Glen. “The doctors said on a scale of 1 to 10, Stephenson would score a solid 9.

Glen Hunt is formerly from Ada. He didn’t hesitate. He packed up the family and “came home.”

Soon, John Hunt will be given low doses of radiation at Stephenson Cancer Center to kill what is attempting to kill him.

It will be administered five days a week for the next five weeks. Then chemotherapy will start – one treatment per month for the next six months.

Doctors do not expect him to be “fully” recovered for at least 18-24 months, his father said.

Physical therapy is part of the regimen. And, doctors warn, he will be fatigued, nauseated, weak and vulnerable to other illnesses.

John Hunt is aware of all this. He presses on.

“One of the proudest moments of my life was getting to meet Governor Anoatubby,” John said. “I told him I was going to beat this. I told him that, just like my tribe, I was going to be unconquered and unconquerable. I am extremely proud of my Chickasaw heritage.”

John’s father is Chickasaw. He gets Seminole blood from his mother, Diana.

Despite difficulty finding work, the family “has a roof over our heads and food in our stomachs, so we can’t complain too much,” Glen Hunt notes. Before his son’s illness, Glen was working as a paralegal and Diana had a career, too. Between them, they speak six languages and have enjoyed long careers. While employment has evaded them, the family gives thanks for God’s blessings.

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Elders’ Luncheon and Thanksgiving Bazaar Nov. 21



Hundreds of local elders enjoy the fellowship at the Pontotoc Agriplex Nov. 21 for the yearly Elders’ Luncheon & Thanksgiving Bazaar.



Attendees of the Elders’ Luncheon & Thanksgiving Bazaar enjoy musical entertainment at the Pontotoc Agriplex Nov. 21.

Preferred Vendor program helps
'kick start' lawn and landscape enterprise

Chickasaw entrepreneur sees business grow with tribe



Jeremy Wilkins

SULPHUR, Okla. - His business started as a grassroots initiative and has now blossomed to a thriving landscaping business with branches in Sulphur and Ardmore.

At the age of 16, Chickasaw entrepreneur Jeremy Wilkins purchased what he describes as a “three hundred-dollar high-tech mower” at a local garage sale. He was ready to exchange his childhood sandbox and Tonka toys for a money-making lawn service.

“At first, I had to convince many Sulphur residents to let me mow their lawns,” he said. “I did not understand why everyone in town wasn’t trustworthy and sup-

“As a Chickasaw, there is no better feeling than working for your own (tribe). This program allows me to be involved in my tribe and serve my people.”

Jeremy Wilkins

portive of a young teenage boy.”

Mr. Wilkins shared his story with members of the Chickasaw Nation Preferred Vendor program during a Dec. 2 luncheon.

Lawn by lawn, Mr. Wilkins weeded out any doubters as he gleaned homeowners’ trust with his reliability, responsibility and work ethic.

“Once people saw my work and accountability, many people started to support my one-truck, one-mower, one-man business, he said.

“As my customer base grew, I began to realize lawn and landscape was what I wanted to do with my life.”

Riding atop a loud mower in the sweltering Oklahoma heat, Mr. Wilkins had time to ponder his future and business plans.

“As a high school kid with big dreams, the Chickasaw Nation allowed me the opportunity to mow the lawns of their senior citizens,” he said. “I mowed lawns in several different districts in the Chickasaw Nation. This was my big break!”

He was rewarded with a month-

ly payment. He also received, as a bonus, homemade cookies made by a sweet older citizen in Johnston County.

Mr. Wilkins’ saved the money he earned from the Chickasaw Nation mowing contracts and used it, along with other Chickasaw Nation educational assistance, to pay for his education at Oklahoma State University.

“I went to school during the week and came home to Sulphur every weekend to mow the lawns and fulfill my contracts,” he said.

Four years of study, hard work and commuting the 130 miles between Sulphur and Stillwater paid off when Mr. Wilkins received his bachelor’s degree in landscape architecture, with a minor in horticulture.

While still a college student, he was contacted by Chickasaw Nation Preferred Vendor program staff, who urged him to list his business on the registry.

With his credentials, a regular client base and his business listed on the Preferred Vendor registry, Mr. Wilkins said he was ready to enter the “big leagues” of lawn and landscaping.

“From that point on, the Chickasaw Nation has opened many doors for my business to grow

and prosper,” he said.

Wilkins Lawn and Landscape left the garage sale mower in the shed and upgraded to John Deere lawn equipment to serve customers in additional towns, counties and even across state lines.

“I went from having to purchase materials from other greenhouses to owning two greenhouses in Sulphur and Ardmore,” he said.

Wilkins Lawn and Landscape has worked on many Chickasaw Nation facilities, including the Artesian Hotel and Spa, the Chickasaw Retreat and Conference Center, Gold Mountain Casino and numerous health facilities.

“I have gained the trust and support of the Chickasaw Nation, which has allowed me to follow my dreams as a successful landscaper,” Mr. Wilkins said.

Mr. Wilkins, now 29, is able to flex his creative muscle on several projects when he had the opportunity to design and layout landscapes using his own ideas and knowledge.

“Most jobs are given to you as a set of plans,” he said. “This is

a freedom a landscaper like me longs for.

“I have also become close with many Chickasaw Nation employees through this journey, and would easily call them my friends. They take care of me as if I were a part of their department

or organization.

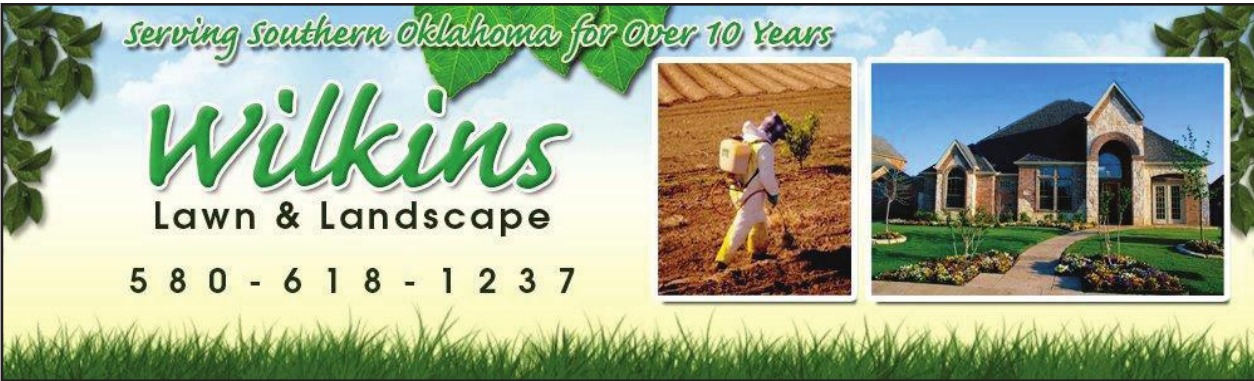
“As a Chickasaw, there is no better feeling than working for your own. This program allows me to be involved in my tribe and serve my people.”

Mr. Wilkins and his wife, Randi, reside near Sulphur with their

nine-month-old daughter.

For more information about Wilkins Lawn and Landscape, phone (580) 618-1237, or visit the Sulphur location at 44 Westgate Drive or the Ardmore location at 1712 Sam Noble Parkway.

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Preferred Vendor Program offers opportunities for Chickasaw business owners

The Chickasaw Nation Preferred Vendor Program is designed to increase business opportunities for qualified Chickasaw and other minority business entrepreneurs by providing the opportunity to be a Chickasaw Nation vendor.

Since its inception in 2008, the Preferred Vendor Program has connected Chickasaw business owners with Chickasaw Nation business enterprises, and supported the entrepreneurial efforts of the Chickasaw citizens.

In fiscal year 2014, the Chickasaw Nation allocated almost \$33 million on vendor services provided by Native Americans, many of which were provided by Chickasaw citizens.

“Business owners and entrepreneurs are important to the Chickasaw Nation, and to society as a whole,” Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. “We rely on the creativity and innovation of these businesses to ensure that we are providing the

best possible products and services.

“It is great to see both tribal operations and tribal citizens benefiting from these collaborations. These programs are another example of how we are working together to fulfill our mission of enhancing the quality of life of the Chickasaw people.”

To participate in the Preferred Vendor program, a business must be at least 51 percent owned, controlled and operated by a Chickasaw citizen, Native American, African-American, Hispanic American, woman, or disabled veteran.

Company status must be validated by a third-party agency or council, or be certified from a qualified agency, such as the Small Business Administration, Affiliates of the National Minority Supplier Development Council, or other city, state and national agencies, unless it is Chickasaw or Native American owned.

Once certified, the company’s

information will be entered into a database that is utilized by all Chickasaw Nation departments when making purchasing decisions.

This data base is be used to produce Preferred Vendor reports which will track how the program is contributing to the Chickasaw Nation’s mission to enhance the quality of life of tribal citizens.

Preferred Vendors are also listed on the Chickasaw Business Registry, which is a tool for Chickasaw citizens to trade with other Chickasaw citizens.

To register online visit www.chickasawbusinessregistry.com and click the business registry link.

To have an application mailed, contact Bill James, vendor specialist at (580) 421-9500.

Once submitted, a program representative will contact you to verify information and obtain more information about the business.

Gov. Anoatubby speaks at Leadership Ada



Gov. Bill Anoatubby spoke to the Leadership Ada group Dec. 10 in Ada. From left, Gov. Anoatubby, Randi Payne and Chene Lippard of the Chickasaw Nation Mark Masoner, City of Ada; Sandra Stevenson, Small Business Administration; Jeff Williams, East Central University; Shea Pierce, Kellogg & Sovereign Consulting; LeAndra Cox, Mercy Ada; Jon Sneed, Vision Bank; Megan Ryan, Ada Jobs Foundation; Colleen Chadwick and Wiley Barnes of the Chickasaw Nation; and Sarah Jane Johnson, Ada Area Chamber of Commerce.

Tribal businesses show strong start for fiscal year

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe’s general fund and BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Division of Commerce. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of tribal government, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Business revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes and other sales revenues from convenience stores, travel plazas, tobacco stores, other tribal businesses as well as rental and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, *the Chickasaw Times* and Governor’s and Lt. Governor’s offices. Expenditures for education include education scholarships as well as the tribe’s Education Department. Health expenditures include eye glasses, hearing aids, prescrip-

tion drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses’ expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending November 30, 2014

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$14.10 million for the month and \$29.55 million year-to-date. Expenditures were \$13.35 million for the month and \$21.27 million year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes through November totaled \$215.30 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$ 50,961,698 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At November 30, 2014, the tribal government funds had \$272.93 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$21.06 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$215.55 million in

cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Two Month Ended November 30, 2014

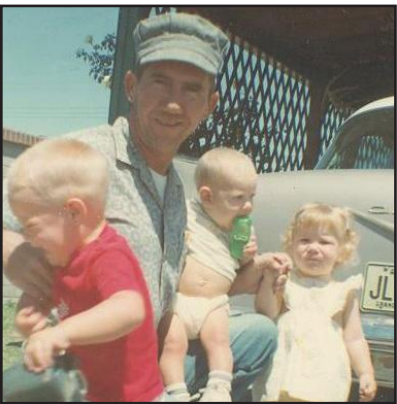
Revenues	\$			
Transfers from businesses to tribal government		1,570,213	215,295,727	216,865,940
Total funds available		27,977,667	(27,977,667)	-
		29,547,880	187,318,060	216,865,940
Expenditures				
General government		1,368,301	-	1,368,301
Legislature		495,497	-	495,497
Judiciary		202,234	-	202,234
Education		2,402,056	-	2,402,056
Heritage Preservation		3,878,700	-	3,878,700
Health		2,694,809	-	2,694,809
Youth Services		847,702	-	847,702
Family Services		2,221,319	-	2,221,319
Nutrition Programs		1,241,377	-	1,241,377
Regulatory		2,146,586	-	2,146,586
Assistance Programs		3,768,723	-	3,768,723
Gaming expense		-	122,770,439	122,770,439
Other businesses' expense		-	41,563,591	41,563,591
Total expenditures		21,267,304	164,334,030	185,601,334
Increase in net assets		8,280,576	22,984,031	31,264,607
Beginning net assets		743,003,190	1,187,670,226	1,930,673,416
Ending net assets	\$	751,283,766	1,210,654,257	1,961,938,023

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets October 31, 2014

	\$			
Cash and Investments		272,929,894	215,548,415	488,478,310
Receivables		23,458,031	102,806,576	126,264,608
Inventory		172,733	8,632,008	8,804,741
Prepaid expenses		-	22,394,350	22,394,350
Other Assets		-	1,078,139	1,078,139
Fixed assets		458,677,275	993,843,318	1,452,520,593
Less payables		(3,954,168)	(133,648,550)	(137,602,718)
Net Assets	\$	751,283,766	1,210,654,256	1,961,938,023

As of November 30, 2014, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of \$1.96 billion.

BIRTHDAY



Amanda Faye will turn 50 years old January 1, 2015. In the photo she is shown with her cousins, Walt Egge, Tripp Jack and granddad, Bill B. Jack. She is our favorite redhead.

She was born New Year's Day in 1965 at Ardmore, Oklahoma, she has one brother.

She is the daughter of the late LaDeana Faye Jack.

Happy Birthday Sugar and many hugs and kisses.

Love from all your family!

Aunt Dee and all



Caleb Scott leads Destiny Christian to state title

Chickasaw citizen, Caleb Scott, 16, is a junior and starting quarterback for Destiny Christian School, Del City, Oklahoma. His team recently won the Oklahoma Christian School Athletic Association State Championship at Langston University, Langston, Oklahoma.

This is the first time in the school's history to have an undefeated season: 12 wins, 0 losses.

Caleb stats include: 17 touchdown passes, seven rushing touchdowns, 84 of 133 pass completions, 1,645 passing yards, 0 interceptions and 145.8 QB rate.

Caleb is the son of Bryce and Cindy Scott. He is the grandson of the late Ruby Scott.

Ironhorse Basketball Tournament champs!



1st PLACE- First and Second Grade Boys Ironhorse Tournament Champions. PL4Y (Phront Line 4 Youth), coached by Theron Richardson. Standing from left, Marquis Easley (Chickasaw), Camariee Richardson (Chickasaw), Caron Richardson (Chickasaw), Bishop Fields, Cade Smith (Chickasaw), LaKevien Richardson (Chickasaw), Jason Johnson (Chickasaw). Kneeling from left, Dezane Crawford and Camden Baken (Chickasaw).



1st PLACE- Third and Fourth Grade Girls Ironhorse Tournament Champions. PL4Y (Phront Line 4 Youth) coached by Maribel Richardson. Standing from left, Aireona Bell, Addilyn Hill (Chickasaw), Alona Cooper (Chickasaw), Brittney Littlefield, Jordyn Rollins, Sania Richardson (Chickasaw), Jakobi Worcester (Chickasaw). Kneeling from left, Makaviya Nelson (Chickasaw), Josie Morgan (Chickasaw) and Treston Brown (Chickasaw).



Brent White

Chickasaw actor making mark in NYC theatre

A Chickasaw actor is making his mark in New York theatre.

Brent White is a graduate of the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York. He has a love for classical theatre.

Earlier this year, Mr. White made his New York debut in the full-length production of Shakespeare's "The Tempest." The play was at the Hamptons Independent Theatre Festival.

He will soon appear in "Winter of Discontent" and will play Romeo in Hypokrit Theatre's off-off Broadway production of "Romeo and Juliet."

"I am blessed with the opportunity to do what I love every single day," Mr. White said. "I am still young and have much work to do but I'm excited for the journey."

He also works as a sales associate at the new Guitar Center in Time Square. He is certified in the percussion department and recently hosted the semifinal round of the annual Guitar Center "Drum-off."

"The grants, scholarship and incentives I received from the Chickasaw Nation were a god-send and I very much appreciate the assistance," Mr. White said. "It allowed me to attend AMDA and pursue my dream of acting. Thank you Gov. Anoatubby and the Chickasaw Nation!"

Mr. White is the son of Sly and Cassandra (Brown) White, of Oklahoma City. He is a descendant of Florence McGee.



Kristen Wolfe

Kristen Wolfe named to scholars society

A Chickasaw student has recently been named to a high school honors program.

Kristen Wolfe is a sophomore at Ford High School, Quinlan, Texas. Kristen was selected for membership in the National Society of High School Scholars. The society recognizes top scholars who have demonstrated leadership, scholarship and community involvement.

Kristen is also a member of the Chickasaw Honor Club.

She is the daughter of Rodney and Tammy Wolfe, of Quinlan. She is the granddaughter of Gary and Mary Carroll, of Rockwall, Texas.

The society recognizes academic excellence and promotes scholarship opportunities for its members.



Kanan Wisdom

Kanan Wisdom leads Allen to conference title

A Chickasaw ballplayer recently led his high school team to a tournament title.

Kanan Wisdom, 18 and a senior, is team captain of the Allen (OK) Mustangs. He is the Mustangs' point guard and led the way to a Pontotoc Conference tournament title last month.

Allen was seeded third in the eight-team tournament and won the championship by defeating Wanette, Roff in the opening rounds, then beating Stonewall in the title game.

Congratulations Kanan! Keep up the great work!

Cuterra Love competes in Phoenix teen pageant

A Chickasaw girl has recently competed in an Arizona pageant.

Cuterra Love, of Glendale, Ariz., competed Dec. 21 in the 2014 Miss Junior Teen Phoenix pageant in Phoenix. The pageant features four divisions and includes girls and young ladies ages seven to 19.

The winner of the pageant will represent Phoenix at the national competition in Orlando, Fla.

Cuterra is the daughter of Tawahnah E. Love. Her grandmother is Lou Greenwood-Boston.

Chickasaw Nation health educator Jill Fox honored by Native development group with 'Native American 40 under 40' award



Jill Fox

MILWAUKEE - A Chickasaw citizen and Chickasaw Nation employee has recently been honored for her outstanding work in nutrition and entrepreneurship.

Jill Fox was named to the "Native American 40 under 40" group by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development. Ms. Fox was recognized at the Reservation Economic Summit in October in Mil-

waukee.

"The 40 under 40 award showcases the accomplishments of both current and future Native American leaders," National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development president Gary Davis said. "The future of Indian country will be shaped by exceptional leaders such as Jill who have proven their dedication to enhancing the lives of those around them."

Ms. Fox works as a health educator for the Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services Get Fresh! Program. In her work, she has implemented a type 2 diabetes education program that has served over 3,000 students.

She previously served as a Peace Corps volunteer in El Salvador where she focused on women's business and health.

Ms. Fox received her bachelor's degree from Hood College and earned her master's degree in public health from Tulane University.

Foundation for Women Legislators names Chickasaw tribal legislator Dean McManus to serve on board of directors



Dean McManus

ALEXANDRIA, Virginia - Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislator Dean McManus was recently elected to serve on the Board of Directors for the National Foundation for Women Legislators (NFWL), the nation's oldest organization addressing the needs of elected women at all levels of government.

"It is an honor of the highest order for me to be elected to the Board of Directors for the NFWL," Mrs. McManus said. "I am very excited to be able to network across the U.S. and help bring more Indian representatives to the Foundation and to help plan the 2015 annual conference in Oklahoma City."

Mrs. McManus has participated as a member of the Foundation since 2010.

Mrs. McManus was elected by her peers at the 2014 NFWL Annual Conference in Philadelphia, where over 100 elected women met to identify effective solutions to some of the nation's most timely and pressing issues.

Providing a non-partisan environment that encourages dialogue and the sharing of information and experiences, women leaders are able to build coalitions, share the concerns of their

constituents, and identify out-of-the-box solutions to the most pressing issues facing their communities today.

"We are so proud of Tribal Legislator McManus and all she has accomplished," Sen. Diane Allen, NFWL's Chair said. "We are looking forward to her leadership in the Foundation and I know she will help us make next year one of the most exciting years NFWL has seen."

Mrs. McManus begins serving in her new position on January 1, and will hold this office through 2015. The Foundation will host its 2015 Annual Conference next fall, September 12-15 in Oklahoma City.

Mrs. McManus brings a wealth of experience to the NFWL. She was employed by the Chickasaw Nation from 1975 to 1999 when she was first elected to the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature as a Pontotoc District representative. She continues to serve on that body today.

She is one of only two members of the NFWL from Oklahoma and is the only Native American member. Mrs. McManus has previously served on the National Transportation Board, National Tribal Community Health Representative Board, National Indian Council on Aging and National Food Distribution Board.

About the National Foundation for Women Legislators, Inc.

Through annual educational and networking events, the National Foundation for Women Legislators supports elected women from all levels of governance. As a non-profit, non-partisan organization, NFWL does not take ideological positions on public policy issues, but rather serves as a forum for women legislators to be empowered through information and experience. www.womenlegislators.org

New Mexico Community Council visit



Governor Anoatubby received a gift given him by the New Mexico Community Council. Presenting the gift is LaHoma Harrison, of Albuquerque. Mrs. Harrison is one of Gov. Anoatubby's former grade school teachers.

Impact of materials on roads, proper snow and ice removal focus of seminar

Tribe jumps out front to prepare for wintry road conditions

ADA, Okla. – It was summer 2014. A pair of Oklahoma State University officials was approached by Chickasaw Nation Roads program director Bo Ellis with a request.

Despite the summer heat, Mr. Ellis wanted to address snow and ice removal on roadways. He wanted the OSU experts to plan a special gathering to educate tribal road crews, elected officials, city and county road crews to be thoroughly trained well ahead of a winter storm.

“It was actually a plan by Nick Woodward,” Mr. Ellis said.

Mr. Woodward is special projects manager for the tribe’s road program. After a higher than average number of winter storms in the Chickasaw Nation in 2013, Mr. Woodward sought training for Chickasaw Nation crews to clear roads during inclement weather.

Wayne Scribner, Secretary of the Chickasaw Nation Department of Community Services, said the conference fits within Governor Anoatubby’s priorities.

“Governor Anoatubby places a high priority on advance planning, effective stewardship and being a good neighbor,” Mr. Scribner said. “This training will benefit the Chickasaw Nation as well as the cities, counties and other tribes that attend. What we learned here will help each of us develop a plan to continue offering essential services during inclement weather. This type of advance preparation also enables us to be effective stewards of our resources by making the most efficient use of available funds.”

Doug Wright, OSU’s director of the center for local government technology, accepted the request as did his colleague Michael “Mikie” Hinkston, manager of OSU’s local technical assistance program (LTAP).

“I believe it is indicative of the strong and proactive leadership within the Chickasaw Nation,” Mr. Hinkston said. “We’ve worked with (Mr. Ellis) many times. To be

asked to present a training program on snow and ice removal in the middle of summer illustrates how far in advance the Chickasaw Nation plans and thinks.”

On Dec. 9, more than 150 people took part in a one-day training session at the Pontotoc County Agriplex. It addressed snow and ice removal; the environmental impact of salt and other “melting” compounds on roads; proper preparation such as having enough fuel on hand to operate graders and equipment in harsh winter conditions. It even addressed the “unexpected.”

Officials and road crews from nearly all of the 13 counties located within the Chickasaw Nation signed up, as well as several tribes, Mr. Wright said.

“What these entities have in common with the Chickasaw Nation is a partnership with the tribe to serve people,” Mr. Wright said. “We have offered similar courses in a chip and seal roadway improvement program at the request of Mr. Ellis. It helps prepare everyone and train everyone involved in that partnership and to ensure available dollars are spent wisely and judiciously.”

Wintry weather presents many problems, principal instructor Matheu J. Carter and a professional engineer from Delaware working with the LTAP program, told participants. Planning ahead and following through on that plan, he said, helps ease the bite of a winter storm.

Crews must decide which major thoroughfares to work on first and which ones can wait. Crews also make the call about when to start road improvements – too early and the effort is for naught. Likewise, so is starting too late. Abandoned cars or vehicles unable to move or stuck in a snowbank, block roadways. Curves, cul de sacs, bridges and hilly areas all have their special blend of trouble just waiting to challenge crews.

“Aside from a major disaster, winter weather has the potential to be the most disruptive to daily routines — even if the storm is



Delaware professional engineer Matheu Carter provides information to approximately 150 participants concerning snow and ice removal from roadways. Among the group were 72 Chickasaw Nation crewmen. They were joined by representatives from cities, counties, other tribes and state officials.

expected days in advance,” Mr. Hinkston said. “The training requested by the Chickasaw Nation will provide attendees with the

tools necessary to make sound decisions and take quick decisive action.”

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Chipota Chikashshanompoli (Children Speaking Chickasaw) to meet in January, February, March

Chipota Chikashshanompoli (Children Speaking Chickasaw) will ring in the new year on a high note Jan. 12, 2015, at the Chickasaw Nation Youth and Family Building, Teleconference Center, 231 Seabrook in Ada.

The language club meets monthly.

Meeting times for 2015 are Jan. 12, Feb. 9 and March 9. Each meeting begins at 6 p.m. and concludes at 8 p.m.

Students learn the Chickasaw language through total physical response activities and song. Students compete each year at the annual Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair, according to Joshua Hinson, director of the Chickasaw Language Department.

The Chickasaw language revitalization program began in 2007

and the Department of Chickasaw Language was founded in 2009.

Chickasaws believe the language was given to them by Chihoowa or Aba’ Binni’li’ (God), and that it is an obligation to care for it, learn it, speak it and teach it to children. The Chickasaw language is viewed as a gift from the ancestors for all Chickasaw people. The job of the Chickasaw language revitalization program

is to help people access that gift.

Chickasaw Language Basics app is the first of its kind to be developed by a tribe or nation. The app features hundreds of Chickasaw words, phrases, songs and videos. Chickasaw Language Basics can be downloaded for free at www.Apple.com/iTunes or accessed on an Android mobile device or Internet at www.Chickasaw.net/anompa.

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Pakeli was named after the Chickasaw word for “flower.” Pakeli loves to listen to her Grandmother, the tribal storyteller, and hopes to become a storyteller herself when she grows up. Together, Naskoba and Pakeli enjoy learning about their Chickasaw heritage and culture and sharing their knowledge with their friends.

Naskoba

Naskoba’s name means “wolf” in his native Chickasaw language. He is smart, many say, he’s too smart for a boy his age. His great-great grandfather was a mentor and he hopes to follow in his footsteps and become a tribal leader one day.

Ofi

Ofi is Naskoba and Pakeli’s dog and is always by their side. Ofi is the Chickasaw word for “dog.” Ofi’s ancestor, the Big White Dog, helped guide ancient Chickasaws to their homelands in Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia.

Youth Events

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Chickasawkids.com website

Chickasawkids.com is an interactive and educational website for elementary age children. The recent website update includes profiles of famous Chickasaws, Chickasaw history, tasty recipes, activities, games and printable coloring sheets.

The website serves as a tool for Chickasaw youth to learn more about their heritage and explore the rich history and culture of the Chickasaw Nation. Visitors will also find news about upcoming Chickasaw Nation youth activities and events.

Visit www.chickasawkids.com today!

Jeff Frazier Memorial All Indian Basketball Tournament

The Jeff Frazier Memorial All Indian Men’s Basketball Tournament is set for Jan. 16-18 in Ada.

All games will be played at the Chickasaw Nation gymnasium on the headquarters campus.

Entry deadline is Jan. 2 and entry fee is \$125 per team.

First-place team will receive hoodies and second place will receive shirts. Rosters are limited to 10 players.

For more information or to enter, contact Lori Frazier at (580) 421-5601.

‘Nobody would let me see my face’

Chickasaw woman appreciates life’s gifts following freak accident



Bethany Easley-Wade and son Dominick enjoy spending time together. Following her recovery from a freak accident, Ms. Easley-Wade does not take time with her son for granted.

ADA, Okla. – Chickasaw citizen Bethany Easley-Wade will never forget April 29, 2012.

It began much like any other workday. It ended in a horrific accident from which she took more than a year to recover. She still bears some of the physical and mental scars from that fateful day.

Ms. Easley-Wade was working at an Ada fast-food restaurant. She was assigned to the drive-through window. She normally spent her shift in a cramped three-foot work space taking customer orders, preparing drinks and handing out orders through the window. On April 29, she had the additional responsibility of preparing orders while helping train a new employee.

According to first responders, this slight change in routine saved her life.

“A customer had ordered his food and drove to the window,” Ms. Easley-Wade said. “I went to check on his order. I was making my way back to the window. The

next thing I remember is opening my eyes and lying on the ground. There was a bunch of rubble lying all over my legs and someone was yelling my name. I didn’t know what happened. The paramedics said I was lucky to be as far away (from the crash) as I was.”

According to the Ada Police Department accident report, a driver had fallen asleep at the wheel of her car, crossed two lanes of on-coming traffic, drove through a wooden privacy fence and slammed into another car waiting at the drive-through window. The car hit with enough force to push both cars through the wall of the building and into the space occupied by Ms. Easley-Wade just moments before.

Although not sustaining immediate life threatening injuries from the accident, Ms. Easley-Wade did not walk away unscathed. She had an injury to an ankle, as well as severe cuts and bruising to her face and mouth.

“Right after the accident, I was not in pain,” she said. “I knew



Cinder blocks, lumber, drywall and glass all fell atop Bethany Easley-Wade when an automobile smashed into the restaurant where she worked. First responders said she was lucky to be alive.

there was a lot blood coming from somewhere, but I didn’t know where. I didn’t think I had anything extremely wrong with me, but people kept coming up to me crying and asking me if I was okay. I didn’t know anything was wrong with my face. I kept asking if they were okay. The new guy came up and was crying. He asked if he could pray for me. Of course I said he could, I told him ‘I need any prayers I can get right now!’ That’s when I knew I was really hurt.”

By chance, Ms. Easley-Wade and her family lived next door to the restaurant. It was their privacy fence the car plowed through when it lost control. Her mother and father made it to the scene before first responders.

“It was Sunday when the accident happened,” Ms. Easley-Wade said. “My whole family was at our house for dinner. My sister went to the restaurant to see what was going on, saw me and then ran to my dad. I was perfectly fine until I saw dad. I started crying as hard as I could.”

At the family’s request, paramedics rushed Ms. Easley-Wade to the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center emergency room for treatment. This included X-rays and the initial care of the wounds to her face.

“Nobody would let me see my face,” she said. “They would not let any mirrors around me. Coming back from X-ray I went into the bathroom to see what I looked like. I couldn’t believe what I saw. I fell to the floor and just started

crying. It was scary when the doctors said they were sending me to the city that night to see a plastic surgeon.”

Ms. Easley-Wade was taken by Chickasaw Nation ambulance to OU Medical Center in Oklahoma City. She received treatment from a specialist who was able to limit permanent nerve damage and reduced scarring to her face.

She continued treatments at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. “The experiences I received at the Medical Center were great. It’s an environment I know,” Ms. Easley-Wade said. “The care and treatment I received after the accident was more than them just doing their jobs. When I ran into people who had helped me, even for just a few minutes, they remembered me and asked how I was doing. That’s more than doing your job. That’s actually caring. That meant the world to me.”

The care and support she received from family and friends was important during the months after the accident. Self-conscious when others stared, she spent most of her time at home. Through the love and support of those close to her she beat the depression and once again do the things she enjoyed. They helped rebuild her self-esteem.

“I didn’t want to be seen after the accident,” she said. “I didn’t like to go in public because I could feel people staring at my face. Friends would come over and I would send them away. My mom noticed that I had changed too, that things like loud noises

scared me. They had to make me do things with them. With time I got back to normal self.”

Today the majority of her scarring can be covered with makeup. She had the opportunity to continue treatment, but she declined.

“People have asked me if I am going to get plastic surgery to hide what’s left of the scars. I have thought about it, but not anymore. It reminds me that anything can happen at any point in time. I used to take things for granted, but not anymore.”

Her connections and trust of Chickasaw medical services began long before the accident. She was born at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility in Ada and continues to be seen by Chickasaw medical personnel to meet her primary medical needs.

Over the years she has also participated in the Eye Glasses Program with Oklahoma Optical, received dental referrals using the Medical Assistance Program and has been seen at the Medical Center’s Walk-In Clinic for non-emergency treatments.

Most recently, she entrusted the care and birth of her son to those at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center.

“I took prenatal classes offered at the Medical Center before my son was born. They helped,” Ms. Easley-Wade said. “When he was born, I listened for the music played (by the hospital) whenever a child is born. That was exciting to hear.”

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Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts tournament



Chickasaw Nation martial arts students, from left, Ezra Johnson, Rainy Day McClain, Brandon Green, manager Matt Clark, Darion Cook, Jalen Underwood, Jaston Underwood, James Allen, Austin Palmer and Eliot Grotts. The students competed in a Nov. 22 karate tournament at the Family Life Center Gym in Ada.



The Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts program promotes the five core concepts of character, sincerity, effort, etiquette and self-control. The Chickasaw language has been integrated with every martial arts move.



Rainy Day competes with fellow student Katie Shackleford during the recent Chickasaw Nation martial arts karate tournament.



Jalen Underwood, right, and Jaston Underwood utilize their tae kwon do skills during the Chickasaw Nation karate tournament.

November 2014 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients

Travis Fryrear
Travis, son of Travis and Angie Fryrear, of Tuttle, Okla., is a November 2014 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Citizenship.

Travis is a sophomore at Tuttle High School and was nominated by school counselor Connie Traxler.

“Travis has shown great academic athletic progress. He has maintaining a 4.0 and has lettered in football and wrestling,” Ms. Traxler said.

An accomplished athlete, Travis represented his school in the 2014 wrestling state championships. Travis enjoys hunting, fishing and trapping. He earned a score of 23 on his ACT the first time taking the test.

“I plan on attending the University of Oklahoma to get a doctor's degree,” Travis said. “I would like to become a doctor or physical therapist.”

Conner Fryrear
Conner, son of Travis and Angie Fryrear, of Tuttle, Okla., is a November 2014 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.

Conner is a senior at Tuttle High School and was nominated by school counselor Connie Traxler.

“Conner has great moral character and citizenship,” Ms. Traxler said. “He is a member of the National Honor Society and



Travis Fryrear



Avery Rose



Jackson Presley



Kaitlyn Motes



Adam Walker



Abigail Rose

was on the baseball team that took state last year.”

Conner's hobbies include hunting, fishing and being in the outdoors. He lettered in football and baseball all four years of high school. He has maintained an unweighted grade-point average of 3.96.

“I plan on going to college to pursue a career as a highway patrolman in Oklahoma,” Conner said. “Later, I would like to become a game warden. I look forward to protecting Oklahomans and wildlife.”

Avery Rose
Avery, daughter of Mark and Cher Rose, of Moore, Okla., is a November 2014 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Citizenship.

Avery is in the fifth grade at Red Oak Elementary School and was nominated by fifth-grade teacher Janice Walker.

“Avery is a pleasure to have in class. She always has a friendly personality and helps other feel important,” Ms. Walker said. “She is a hard worker and proves her leadership ability by serving as classroom representative for our school student council.”

Avery enjoys playing tennis and running track. She is proud to have won her schools advanced art competition.

“I am proud to have won a R.A.M. Award. It stands for respect, academics and merit,” Avery said. “My future goal is to go to the University of Oklahoma and become a lawyer.”

Jackson Presley
Jackson, son of Josh and Stacy Presley, of Ada, Okla., is a November 2014 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Overall Achievement.

Jackson is in the fourth grade at Latta Elementary School and was nominated by teacher Marci Isaacs.

“Jackson shows exceptional behavior and high academics in my class. He participates, helps others and shows respect for his teachers,” Ms. Isaacs said. “He is responsible and always turns his work on time.”

Jackson has been on the Superintendent's Honor Roll the last three years. He enjoys playing basketball, baseball, hunting, fishing and playing guitar.

“When I grow up I want to go to school play basketball at the University of Oklahoma,” Jackson said. “I hope I get drafted by the OKC Thunder.”

Kaitlyn Motes
Kaitlyn, daughter of Steve and Vanessa Hensley and Paul Motes, is a November 2014 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.

Kaitlyn is in the eighth grade at Latta Middle School and was nominated by teacher Roy Deering.

“Kaitlyn is an exceptional student who works hard in the classroom to achieve academically,”

Mr. Deering said. “She models herself a wonderful young lady who has a great attitude and strong work ethic.”

Kaitlyn's hobbies include singing and reading. She likes to play both slow and fast-pitch softball and riding her horse, Buckshot.

“When I grow up I want to be veterinarian and volunteer firefighter. I don't know what college I will go to, but I know I want to help animals and people,” Kaitlyn said. “I am a Christian girl and my number one goal in life is to grow closer to God and Jesus Christ.”

Adam Walker
Adam, son of Bailey and DeAnne Walker, of Ada, Okla., is a November 2014 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.

Adam is a senior at Latta High School and was nominated by teacher Seth Reeves.

“Adam has conquered his fear of public speaking. He gave an American Farmers and Ranchers Speech in Wilburton,” Mr. Reeves said. “Adam wrote the speech and memorized it, competing in a very competitive category. We are proud of Adam and his hard work to compete in a district speech competition.”

Adam's hobbies include hunting, fishing and basketball. His has made lifelong friends on his basketball team. Adam has played in two state championships and hopes to again this year.

“I will be attending college.

I haven't decided where or on a major. Dad is pushing for business, but he really just wants me to be happy in my choices,” Adam said. “I love my Chickasaw heritage and Chickasaw family and hope to bring continued respect to them.”

Abigail Rose
Abigail, daughter of Mark and Cher Rose, of Moore, Okla., is a November 2014 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Overall Achievement.

Abigail is in the ninth grade at Westmoore High School and was nominated by teacher Jennifer Overton.

“Abigail is a sweet, responsible student. She is involved in the school and demonstrates leadership qualities,” Ms. Overton said. “She understands the importance of academics and reaches hard to achieve high grades.”

Abigail enjoys playing golf for her school, tumbling and participating in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes organization. She is in her school's student council and is a member of the Latin Club.

“I am proud that the last couple of years I have place either first, second or third in reflections in literature or visual arts categories,” Abigail said. “My future plans include attending the University of Oklahoma. I want to become a dental hygienist.”



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Tribe’s Bank2 named ‘Top Workplace’ for second consecutive year



Bank2, a Chickasaw Nation enterprise, was once again honored as a top workplace by *the Oklahoman*. Bank2, headquartered in Oklahoma City, is among 70 Oklahoma companies and organizations recognized in the “*Oklahoman* Top Workplace 2014” survey. The Top Workplaces are distinguished as better places to work and more likely than peer organizations to be successful.

Bank2, in the small business category (fewer than 125 employees) was also named a top workplace in 2013. Employee surveys about the workplace were the only factor to determine the winners, said Ross A. Hill, Bank2 president and CEO. The survey was sent to 22,814 employees, of whom 15,410 responded. Mr. Hill said the award was significant and rewarding because the information and opinions came directly from the bank’s employees. “Achievements like this don’t just happen,” Mr. Hill said. “We can only achieve awards such as these because of our employees. They challenge each other to excellence and fulfillment of our mission ‘Building Better Lives.’ Because we have unity and accountability, we have become absolutely the best.” Employee comments in the survey included: “We are always focused on others. We want to help our customers, our employees, our owners, our building, our neighbors, our city and state.” Since opening in 2002, Bank2 has been distinguished with several awards and accolades includ-

ing:

- 2013 *Oklahoman* Top Workplace
- 2011 recipient of the United States Department of Commerce Access to Capital Award for lending activities to Native American Business.
- 2010 recipient of the Bank Enterprise Award from the Community Development Financial Institution Fund.
- Oklahoma Native American Business Development Center Service Business of the Year 2004.
- Oklahoma Native American Chamber Business of the Year 2004.
- Bank2 was named one of the Top 100 Native American-Owned Businesses in the U.S. Each year from 2005-2011 by Diversity.com.
- The number one source of Native American home loans in Oklahoma and one of the top lenders nationally.

About Bank2
Opened in 2002 Bank2 is a community bank with a mission to “Build Better Lives.” During its 12 years of operation, Bank2 has found a unique niche in the banking and lending market, and is rated a 4-Star Bank by Bauer-



Financial, the most respected independent body rating financial institutions. Bank2 specializes in making home loans to Native Americans from Hawaii to Maine and from Alaska to Florida and recently closed a home loan in Alaska above the Arctic Circle. Bank2 is a full service bank offering checking accounts, operation accounts, savings and money market accounts. The bank also offers a full line of consumer, commercial and real estate loans. Bank2 was also recognized by *the ABA Banking Journal* as the number 1 and 3 community bank in the nation in 2009 and 2010 respectively. Bank2 is a subsidiary of the Chickasaw Banc Holding Company. The Holding Company and Bank2 are 100 percent owned by the Chickasaw Nation. The bank has grown from assets of \$7.5 million in January 2002 to more than \$100 million today. Corporate offices are located at 909 S. Meridian in Oklahoma City. For more information, visit www.bank2online.com. **CONTRIBUTED BY** Dana Lance, Media Relations.

Lynn C. Gibson Memorial Scholarship established



The Chickasaw Foundation is pleased to announce the Lynn C. Gibson Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship was established by Governor Emeritus Overton James in memory of Lynn Gibson and will be awarded for the fall

2015 academic year. This scholarship will be for a full-time, vocational technology Chickasaw student pursuing a secretarial or administrative assistant certificate. The student must maintain a “B” or higher grade average. Governor Emeritus James established this scholarship to honor the memory of Mrs. Gibson who spent her entire working career serving Indian people. She began her career in the Indian Education Department for the State of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City. In 1977, she and her family moved to Ada to work for the Chickasaw Nation. Mrs. Gibson had a wealth of knowledge regarding tribal business and was a friend to all. If you are interested in the scholarship program, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030 or visit www.chickasawfoundation.org.

Memorial Donations

The Chickasaw Foundation was established in 1971 as a 501 (c) 3 organization. Every year, the foundation is fortunate to receive many charitable donations including memorial donations. A memorial donation is a special way of remembering a loved one while helping others. Acknowledgement cards can be sent to family members, per your request, upon a donation being received by the Chickasaw Foundation. Please contact the foundation office at (580) 421-9030 if you have any questions.

Letter to Editor
Note of Thanks

Dear Editor,
My name is Mydia Harris and I wanted to give my utmost appreciations to all who cared for me during my stay. I was a patient at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center on the third floor from November 12 - November 16, 2014, and throughout I received exceptional treatment. The staff at the facility has extraordinary respect for everyone and for that I am truly grateful. Therefore I once again thank you for everything you all did for me, God bless, and Merry Christmas to each one of you. Sincerely, Mydia P. Harris Stillwater, Okla.

Employee Charitable Contribution Plan

The Chickasaw Foundation is greatly appreciative to employees who elected to donate to the Foundation through the Employee Charitable Contribution Plan (ECCP). In January 2015, the foundation will mail receipts to ECCP participants who contributed over \$250 to the Foundation during 2014. Receipts will also be issued to those who contributed other amounts upon request. You may

contact the office by calling (580) 421-9030 or by e-mail at chickasawfoundation@chickasaw.net. Thank you for your continued support and for helping to make a difference in the lives of others! “The life of a man consists not in seeing visions and in dreaming dreams, but in active charity and in willing service” - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

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Chickasaw Foundation Annual T-Ball Tournament

The 7th annual t-ball tournament will be this coming spring 2015 at the Chickasaw Nation Softball Complex in Ada. This will be a double-elimination tournament and only the first 10 teams will be accepted. The entry fee is \$100 and the age cut-off date is January 1. Play-

ers must be 6 years old on or before December 31 to play. Please contact the Chickasaw Foundation if you have questions or need information at (580) 421-9030 or email ChickasawFoundation@chickasaw.net.

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Billy Earl Green Sr.



Billy Earl Green Sr., died September 15, 2014. Funeral services were September 19 at the Church of the First Born in Newcastle, Oklahoma. Burial followed at Parkland Cemetery near Agra, Oklahoma.

Mr. Green was born March 4, 1946 at Ada, Oklahoma, to Earl and Vera Green.

He worked installing floors and created his own business, SB&H Inc. He loved University of Oklahoma football, reading, TV and charity work.

Meeting and marrying his wife Joyce was his proudest moment, and his family was always his greatest achievement. He attended Church of the First Born.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce Green; a daughter, Shelly Byers; his parents; and a sister, Jimmy Lou McDade.

He is survived by his son-in-law Kerry, of Mustang, Okla.; daughter Holly Holman and spouse Larry, of Oklahoma City; and son Billy Earl Green Jr. and spouse Heather, of Noble, Okla.; brother Carlen Green, of Purcell, Okla.; sisters, Macalyen Duke, of Ada, Okla., and Becky Dial, of Byars, Okla.; and grandchildren, Billy E. Green III (Trey), Nicholas Byers, Steven Green, Maui Holman, Kona Holman, and Serenity Green, and a host of family and friends.

Chiquita Ruth Meely



Chiquita Ruth Meely, 82, of Ardmore, Oklahoma, died December 6, 2014, at Plano, Texas. Funeral services were December 11, at The Chapel at Griffin-Hillcrest with Rev. Jay Mule officiating and Eugene Bellard as eulogist. Interment followed at Rose Hill Cemetery, Ardmore.

Mrs. Meely was born July 1, 1932, at McMillan, Oklahoma to Thomas Underwood and Fannie Mae (Emmitubbe) Underwood. She attended school at McMillan. She married Abram Clarence "A.C." Meely.

She was a Christian woman who loved the Lord and was a member of Ardmore Indian Baptist Church. She liked doing crossword puzzles, shopping, watching wrestling, going to garage sales and gospel singings. Ruth worked as a CMA for 30 years. She loved spending time with her family and grandkids.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Fannie Underwood; husband, A.C. Meely; brothers, Charles Monroe Underwood and Lawrence "Larry" Underwood; and sisters, Gladys Mae Fernandez and Leah Jane Locust.

She is survived by her children, Linda Haskins and husband, Harold, Gordon Meely and wife, Magdaline, Johnny Meely and wife, Sue, and step-daughter, Janice Harris; nine grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; nine step-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends.

Serving as pallbearers were Kent Johnson, Jimmy Johnson, Lee Gibson, Rodney Fixico, Josh Wilson, and Dionicio Quiroz.

Condolences may be left at www.Griffin-HillcrestFH.com

Marie Frances Hart



Marie Frances Hart, age 103, of Tuttle, Oklahoma died peacefully December 4, 2014 surrounded by her family at a hospice care center in Midwest City, Oklahoma. Funeral services were December 8, at the First Baptist Church in Tuttle. Interment followed in Fairview Cemetery in Tuttle.

Mrs. Hart was born June 24, 1911 at Tuttle and remained a resident of Tuttle all of her life. She was one of nine children. Her parents were Stephen Burl Fryrear and Frances Delilah (Kemp) Fryrear.

She married Raymond Arthur Hart on September 22, 1930 and worked as a homemaker raising two sons, Rephord and Melton. In their earlier years of marriage, the Harts enjoyed going to old fashioned barn dances. Years later they enjoyed camping and fishing throughout Oklahoma with their children and grandchildren.

She was a wonderful mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother. For many years she enjoyed baby sitting her grandchildren and cooking for family get-togethers.

She was proud to be a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and of the Baptist faith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Arthur Hart; two sons, Rephord Hart and wife Wanda, and Melton Hart; grandson, Mike Hart; eight brothers and sisters, Neb Higgins, Patsy Ann Marlow, Tom Higgins, Jack Fryrear, Rayburn Fryrear, Gladys Sparks, Tillie H. Meadows and Jimmy Fryrear.

She is survived by four grandchildren, Mark Hart and Toby Hart, both of Tuttle, Jennifer Hart, of Blanchard, Okla., and Kelly Ann Wallace, of Oklahoma City; six great-grandchildren, Bradley Hart and wife Andrea, of Oklahoma City, Amber Hart, of Tuttle, Brandon Hart, of Oklahoma City, Kristopher Hart, of Harrah, Okla., Tyler Forsyth, of Mustang, Okla., and Josh Forsyth, of Blanchard; 13 great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, great and great-great nieces and nephews.

Online condolences can be left at wilsonlittle.com

John William Byers, Jr.

John William Byers, Jr., 92, died peacefully in his sleep November 27, 2014.

He was born September 17, 1922, at Healdton, Oklahoma to John Sr. and Nancy (Brown) Byers. His mother, Nancy, of Newcastle, Okla., was an original enrollee and his father John Sr. was from West Plains, Missouri.

Mr. Byers was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran serving on destroyers in the North Atlantic. After the war ended, he enlisted in the military again this time in the U.S. Air Force serving in the Pacific. After his discharge from the military, he farmed in the San Joaquin Valley, California, for several years then moved to Spokane, Washington, with his wife Bobbie and they resided there until 2007 before returning to his home state of Oklahoma.

He was a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

He was preceded in death by his wife Barbara Cully (Bobbie); brothers Hubert, Reford, Thomas, Sylvester, Paul and Richard; sisters, Lillian House and Clemmie Rose.

He is survived by a brother, Jerry D. Byers, of Florence, Arizona, and his wife Terry; three nieces Neiche Buecker and Sharon Cameron, both of Cathedral City, California, and Paula Byers, of Sulphur, Oklahoma; and a nephew Bruce Byers of Modesto, California.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Novarro Ruebin Orphan



Novarro Ruebin Orphan, 80, of Ada, died November 17, 2014 at his home. Services were November 21 at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center with the Revs. Faren Coody and Gene Williams officiating. Burial followed in Dolberg Cemetery.

Mr. Novarro was born August 18, 1934 at Holdenville, Oklahoma to Rueben Hamilton and Rosie Jane Neal Orphan. He graduated from Ada High School.

He married Esther McKinney in 1954. She preceded him in death. He later married Irene Alexander. Mr. Orphan was employed with the B.I.A. Soil Conservation until his retirement and later he was employed with the Chickasaw Nation as a mail courier and a landscaper. He enjoyed bowling, hunting, fast-pitch softball, horseshoes, spending time with his family and going to his grandchildren's activities.

He is survived by two daughters, RoseAnna and Dr. Allen Moore, of Norman, Okla., and Leslie June and James Willis, of Philadelphia, Miss.; three sons, Ray Orphan and wife, LaTonia, of Byng, Okla., Austin Orphan, and Lucky Orphan, both of Ada, Okla.; a brother, Levi Orphan, of Roff, Okla.; 15 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Novarro Ruebin Orphan, Jr.; a daughter, Renae Shane Orphan Stidham; a grandson Shayne Odell Stidham; three sisters, Diann Anoatubby, Dianna Bruner, Luella Perry; and a brother, Eugene Ronnie Orphan.

Bearers will be Ca-Te Jesse, Franklin Coody, Jr., Tino McFerran, Chaisonne Moore, Ryan Moore, DeMarquis Wilson, and Robin Boudiette, Jr.

Honorary bearers are his grandsons and great-grandsons.

Obituaries may be viewed and online condolences sent to criswellfh.com.

Jayla Marie Rodriquez



The daughter of Danielle Griffith was killed on the Pine Ridge Reservation by a pack of dogs while sledding in the late afternoon of November 18. Jayla was an outstanding student at the Red Cloud School. She was a life-filled child, with great kindness and she improved the lives of all she knew. She was caring and loved her family greatly and was loved in return by those left behind to grieve. She loved her classmate and helped them, and also loved all animals and other lives.

Jayla was a nature child and loved sports. She was an athlete in basketball, baseball, kung fu, and was already an archer. She converted her mother into a Broncos fan. She was a horse lover and her dog was her dear friend. She not only danced at every powwow, but was also a break-dancer and musically inclined with voice and instruments.

The family remains behind to grieve this amazing child they knew would impact the future of our world.

Her mother Danielle Griffith is an award-winning student graduating soon from Oglala Lakota College and her father was Julian Rodriguez. She is survived by her aunt Cami, also an award-winning student at Oglala Lakota College, as well as her brother Michael and sisters, Angel and Jasmine Smith of Denver.

Her grandmother on the maternal family side is Kathy Griffith who works for the Indian Health Service, and her grandfather is Terry Griffith who is working with the EPA on special water projects. Her great grandmothers are Mary McGaa who worked at Red Cloud School and is now retired, Thelma Griffith, a homemaker in Pennsylvania, and Linda Hogan, a Chickasaw writer. In addition, she is survived by many aunts including uncles, and numerous cousins.

It is a large extended family and she was loved deeply by all the relatives who believe Jayla was the embodiment of love and kindness and humor. They all miss her with open hearts and arms.

Alvera P. Walker



Alvera P. Walker, 93, of Purcell, Oklahoma, died December 2, 2014 in Springdale, Arkansas. Graveside services were December 5, at the Washington (OK) Cemetery.

Mrs. Walker was born April 13, 1921 at Purcell, Oklahoma, the seventh of eight children, born to Chris C. Marti and Maggie May (Johnston) Marti. She was raised in Washington, Oklahoma and attended Washington Schools, graduating in 1939.

She married O.B. Walker June 16, 1941 at Oklahoma City, where they made their home for a few years, before settling in Lexington, Oklahoma.

She worked as a secretary at OG&E in Purcell and the United Way in Oklahoma City. She later settled in Purcell to take care of her aging sister, Alma Marti.

She was a proud Chickasaw citizen and stayed very involved in the various activities and functions. She fondly recalled that her mother was an original Chickasaw enrollee in 1902 under the Dawes Commission.

Mrs. Walker loved the Lord, and served faithfully as a member of the First Baptist Church in Purcell.

She was preceded in death by her husband, O.B. Walker; her parents, Chris and Maggie Marti; siblings, Alma Marti, Artie Dunn, Curtis Marti, Lavena Hood, Evelyn Steward, Ola Mae Glass and Doris Roberts; and a niece, Marti Hunnicutt.

She is survived by nieces and nephews, Lee Shahan, of Norman, Okla., Carolyn Mask and husband, Connie, of Sanger, Texas, Ruth Billingsley and husband, Bob, of Garfield, Ark., Brooke Learmonth and husband, Scott, of Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, Sydney Roberts, of Atlanta, Georgia, Chris Steward and wife, Linda, of Almont, Colo., and Kevin Roberts and wife, Shawna, of Belmont, Ohio; and a host of other family and friends.

Online condolences may be left at wilsonlittle.com

Bill Wolf



Bill Wolf, 70, died November 29, 2014 at Denison, Texas. A Celebration of Life services were December 6, at the Kemp Baptist Church in Kemp, Oklahoma with John Wolf officiating.

He was born February 15, 1944 at Ardmore, Oklahoma to Bill and Juanita (Peters) Wolf.

He was of the Chickasaw/Choc-taw tribes and was very proud of his heritage.

He married his high school sweetheart, Johnita Kay Fesler, on April 4, 1963 in Clayton, New Mexico. He worked as a house mover for many years.

He was preceded in death by his father; an infant brother, Billy Joe Wolf; and granddaughter, Cheyenne Noel Wolf.

He is survived by his wife of 51 blessed years, Kay, of Denison; sons, William Wolf, of Denison, Richard Wolf and wife, Mary, of Katy, Texas, John Wolf and wife, Tonee, of Hugo, Oklahoma, Justin Wolf and wife, Franny, of Denison, and Abel Wolf, of Helena, Oklahoma; his mother, Faye Wolf, of Dumas, Texas; brothers, Gene Wolf and wife, Eva, of Kingston, Oklahoma, Lynn Wolf and wife, Gabriella, of Mustang, Oklahoma, Darrell Wolf and wife, Jo Helen, and Ricky Wolf, all of Dumas; 20 grandchildren; 6 1/2 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the nurses and staff of Guardian Hospice for their loving care provided to Bill during his time of need.

Dr. Ted W. Key, DDS



Dr. Ted W. Key, DDS, 96, died November 28, 2014. Committal service was December 8, at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri.

Beloved husband of the late Jane Key; son of the late Joseph and Lillie Owens Key; brother of the late R.J. (Smokey) Joe Key; uncle of Sheilla Brashier, Randy Key, Ted Key and Danny Key; great-uncle to Chad, Kyle, Stephen and Michael Key and Cyndie Key Crowley.

Dr. Key lived a long and exceptional life. He and his brother, orphaned young, spent their early years at the Goodland Presbyterian Children's Home, Hugo, Oklahoma. It was an orphanage and boarding school for Native American children in Southeast Oklahoma.

Dr. Key was proud of his Choc-taw heritage. Through values instilled as a youngster, he went on to graduate from college and then enter dental school during World War II. Upon graduation from St. Louis University School of Dentistry, he entered active duty as a U.S. Navy Dental Officer. He continued his service in the U.S. Navy Reserve and retired as a Commander.

In private dental practice, he was active in both the local and state dental societies. He was elected as the 1972 President of the St. Louis Dental Society. His many accomplishments, kindness, and generosity are his legacy.

Donald (Don) Lee Moody



Donald (Don) Lee Moody, 85, died December 5, 2014. A memorial service and celebration of his life was December 18 at the First Presbyterian Church in Duncan, Oklahoma.

He was born in 1929 in Shawnee, Oklahoma, the son of Thenia Vivian Burris Moody and Lloyd Thayer Moody.

Growing up in Shawnee with his older brother George and younger brother Bruce, he earned what he would later consider his crowning achievement, the rank of Eagle Scout with Gold and Silver Palms.

Mr. Moody enjoyed a full life with lots of travel, many good friends, and a loving family.

He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon both at Oklahoma A & M University and at the University of Oklahoma where he met his wife, Beverly. He married in 1952 at Duncan, Oklahoma to Beverly Combs. They were married for 62 years and have three children: Gary Moody, of Shawnee, Michele Moody Collie and her husband, Wayne, of San Antonio, Texas and Monica Moody Anderson and her husband, Mark, of Tiburon, California.

He was a member of the Chickasaw Tribe. His Chickasaw name was Tulli Hekia which translates to Standing Rock. He served the Chickasaw Nation as a member of the Peacemakers Court, a forum for resolving conflicts using Chickasaw traditions, customs and culture as a basis for finding peaceful resolution. He was also the "Story Teller" for his clan of relatives and very concerned that Chickasaw traditions not be lost. He gave many talks to civic clubs and also to school children about the history of the Chickasaw Nation.

Mr. Moody was a successful businessman. He was a partner in the Combs-Moody Insurance and Real Estate Company that later became Insurance One and Real Estate One.

He worked with the Boy Scouts of America and served as the district officer of that organization.

He was the organizer of the Duncan Board of Realtors and served as its local board President. He served as the President of the Oklahoma Association of Realtors and a National Association of Realtors Director. He was selected in 1975 as the Oklahoma State Realtor of the year. During his long career in real estate, he made many trips to Oklahoma City and Washington, D.C. working to improve the legislation regulating Realtors. He served as president of the local Insurance board and he was chairman of the local rescue mission.

Mr. Moody attended the First Presbyterian Church in Duncan, and served as Deacon, Trustee and Elder. He was a member of the Rotary Club for over 40 years.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Lloyd and Vivian; his older brother George; and his daughter-in-law, Katie.

He is survived by his children, listed above; grandchildren, Heather Moody Hall, Lauren Moody Dito, Jack Likovich, Mike Likovich, Sean Anderson, Abby Anderson; great-grandchildren; Eli Hall, River Hall and Jaxon Likovich; a brother, Bruce Moody; a nephew David Moody; and nieces Teri Moody Rahn, Elizabeth Moody, Jennifer Moody and Sarah Jane Moody.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Duncan, or Chisholm Trail Hospice of Duncan.

Scott Patrick Rodke



Scott Patrick Rodke died peacefully of natural causes at his home December 3, 2014, at Temple, Texas. Graveside funeral services were December 9, at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen, Texas.

He realized his dream of reaching 80 years of age on November 4 of this year. He was blessed by over 70 family and friends at a birthday party celebrating the event.

He was born in 1934 at Paoli, Oklahoma, and was the fourth of five sons born to Anna Frances Scott Rodke and David Lawrence Rodke.

He was a proud infantryman and retired from the U. S. Army as Command Sergeant Major in 1977 after almost 24 years of service, including four tours in Vietnam. Several of his commanders noted that he was the finest soldier they had ever known. His proudest moment was his promotion to Command Sergeant Major and appointment to Commandant of the NCO Academy at Fort Hood. He requested that his headstone be inscribed with, "INFANTRYMAN - HE GAVE A DAMN."

He was an adored father, proud businessman, skilled orator, compassionate teacher, respected counsellor, generous friend, and loyal patriot. His greatest joy was his family. He wrote that his greatest emotional pain was leaving his children to return to combat in Vietnam. A man of unparalleled integrity and character, his motto was, "Practice what you preach and NEVER GIVE UP!"

Mr. Rodke earned two college degrees with honors after his military retirement. He loved to play Monopoly and always wanted to learn to fly a helicopter. He wished to have a view of Mount Rushmore from his front porch. Fond of travel, he especially loved to cruise with family. He was proud of his broad shoulders and posture, but wished his waist was ten inches smaller. He loved the smell of vanilla and the taste of cinnamon. He was quite the tennis player when young, and loved to watch all forms of auto racing later in life.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, David Sterling, Larry Russell, Perry Colbert, and twin Phillip Michael; and a grandson.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 41 years, Hanh Le' Rodke, whom he married on March 3, 1972; children, Lee Ann Everson, David Vernon Rodke, Joseph Patrick Rodke, Sharon Lynn Bolling, Duy Quy Le', Thanh Le' Rodke, and Lori Hanh Rodke; 16 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Condolences may be left at heritage-funeralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be sent to the Friends of Vinh Son Montagnard Orphanage at friendssofvs.org and the Paralyzed Veterans of America at pva.org.

Willie Lee Kelso



Willie Lee Kelso, 33, of Abernathy, Texas died December 12, 2014. Services were December 18, 2014 at the First Baptist Church in Ralls. Burial followed in the Ralls Cemetery.

Mr. Kelso was born June 17,

1981 in at Hobart, Oklahoma to David and Yvonne Beshirs Kelso. He was a U.S. Army veteran and served tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. He was a member of the VFW and the Warrior Brotherhood; he served as past President of the club.

He had a carpentry and landscape business. His riding friends called him Rancid and he loved riding his Harley. Mr. Kelso was a big supporter of his overseas brother and would help

He is survived by two daughters, Kealee K. Kelso, and Annie Nicole Kelso, both of Lubbock, Texas; a stepson, Mikey Frausto, of Spur, Texas; a stepdaughter, Lisa Molina, of Snyder, Texas; his parents David Kelso and wife Lorrie, of Ralls, Yvonne Miller and husband, Joe, of Spur; brothers, Waylon David Kelso, of Ralls, Dustin Wayne Kelso, of Rockvale, Colorado, Derick OC Kelso, of Irvine, California; a sister Robbie Jo Pena, of Lubbock; his grandfather, OC Beshirs, of Achille, Oklahoma; and significant other, Mindy Jackson, of Lubbock.

Online condolences can be made at www.adamsfuneral.com.

LaHoma Nelson Royce McAlister



LaHoma Nelson Royce McAlister, 82, of Oklahoma City, died November 18, 2014. Graveside memorial services were November 24, at Oaklawn Cemetery in Wynnewood, Oklahoma.

Mrs. McAlister was born March 15, 1932 to Sim Nelson and Purnie (Hucks) Nelson. She was the granddaughter of original enrollee, Columbus Nelson. She was the youngest of six children growing up in the Chigley, Oklahoma community where she attended school until she transferred to Davis High School graduating in 1950.

She attended college at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford earning degree in physical education in 1954. She graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1970 with a master of education degree.

She was a high school teacher and cheerleading coach from 1960 to 1970 in Duncan, Oklahoma. She moved to Oklahoma City and worked at the YMCA a number of years before going to work at Grace Oil Co., until she retired.

She married Ben F. McAlister on July 3, 1989.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ben "Mac" McAlister; her parents, Sim and Purnie (Hucks) Nelson; three sisters, Oneta "Neta" Bryant, LaDean "Dean" Weaver, and Connie Ann Saiser; two brothers, Cleburne Floyd Nelson; Marvin "Jack" Nelson and Cleburne "Pete" Nelson; and a stepbrother, Delmer Gene Bryant.

She is survived by a stepdaughter, Dona Wilcox; a stepsister, Bobbie Smallwood; and a stepbrother, Bo Bryant; and numerous nieces and nephews; very dear friends, Wayne and Tina Hallmark, of Tuttle, Oklahoma and Sherl and Reggie Qualls and Barbara Zachare, all of Oklahoma City; and a host of other family members and friends.

Online condolences may be left at www.dearmanfuneralhome.com

Faye Elizabeth Cox Nichols



Faye Elizabeth Cox Nichols, 90, formerly of Lubbock, Texas died December 3, 2014, at Mesquite, Texas. Graveside services were December 6, at Rosewood Cemetery, Achille, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Nichols' children and grandchildren officiated at the service. The service included a prayer in Chickasaw and English by her grandson, Joshua D. Hinson, an original song and poem by grandson, Micah P. Hinson, and an original poem by granddaughters, Neena Johnson and Kecia Jackson. Old traditional Chickasaw ways were used in blessing our mother, grandmother and great-grandmother on her journey from this earth to her home in Heaven.

Mrs. Nichols was born October 7, 1924, at her maternal grandparents' home (Dr. Walter William Perkins and Laura Belle Moberly Perkins) near Lemon Hill School. Her parents were James Henry Cox (Jim) and Charlie Perkins Cox of Achille. Her mother, Charlie, was an original enrollee of the Chickasaw Nation.

The family farmed on a hill outside of Achille while she grew up. Mrs. Lemon from Achille taught her piano, accordion, and high school choir. She was a member of the Achille High School Accordion Band that played at social gatherings. Her parents paid for her lessons by bartering milk, butter and eggs.

Mrs. Nichols graduated from Achille High School in 1942. She attended Abilene Christian College (ACC), Abilene, Texas, graduating in January, 1945, with a degree in music education and piano.

She met her future husband, Larnel J. (LJ) Nichols, at ACC. They married on February 1, 1945, at her parent's home in Achille. He preceded her in death on April 14, 2004. They had four children, Penney, Janice, Charla, and Philip.

Mrs. Nichols taught elementary school for over 30 years at Walnut Bend, Texas, 1955-1957, and Lubbock, from 1957-1985. She was a music, art and sixth grade teacher. She was a Bible school teacher for over 50 years. She was a member of the Broadway Church of Christ for over 30 years and Sunset Church of Christ until they moved to Abilene, in 1999.

She is survived by her son, Penney and spouse, Ann Nichols, Odessa, Texas; granddaughters, Edette Nichols, Pasadena, Calif., and Deana Nichols, Bloomington, Ind.; daughter, Janice Faye Schwartz, Dallas; granddaughter, Karina Elizabeth Adams and spouse, Darrell, Portland, Oregon; grandson, Justin C. Schwartz and great-granddaughters, Savannah and Sierrah Elizabeth, Grande Ronde, Oregon; daughter, Charla Sue Hinson and spouse, Waymon, Ada, Okla.; grandson Joshua Don Hinson and spouse, Mika, great-grandsons, Ruslan, Andrey, Levi and Noah Hinson, all of Ada; grandson, Micah P. Hinson and spouse, Ashley, Denison, Texas; son, Philip J. Nichols and spouse, Jan; granddaughter, Neena Johnson and spouse, Josh and great-grandson, Brodee and great-granddaughter, Zaylee, Flower Mound, Texas; granddaughter, Kecia Jackson and spouse, Landon, great-granddaughter, Harleigh Jackson, Lubbock; Godson, Ben Satchell, Lubbock.

Mrs. Nichols was preceded in death by her parents, infant brother, and her spouse, L.J. Nichols.

The following poem was written by her granddaughters, Neena Johnson and Kecia Jackson, and read at the burial service.

Meme's House

Meme's house was fried chicken, Banana Pudding, German Chocolate Cake, chicken fried steak, and roast and potatoes on Sunday.

Meme's house was playing the accordion, playing the piano and fancy hats at Broadway.

Meme's house was Philos and Cora, picking up acorns, dressing up in her scarves, and running through the sprinklers.

Meme's house was visiting Mrs. Ross, playing Connect Four, and watching Price is Right.

Meme's house was playing with bells, Joyland in the summer, prairie dog town, and waking up to a lion's roar from the zoo.

Meme's house was Thanksgiving meals, family Christmases, pots and pans banging, and a room full of grandkids.

Meme was dedication to World Bible School.

Meme was serving food for the stomach and soul.

Meme was her unending patience.

Meme was her devotion to her faith and family.

Meme is a mother, grandmother, and great grandmother.

Meme is the embodiment of love and gentleness.

Meme is the legacy that we will carry on.

I ichi hollocha anowa' iichipisa'cho. We love you and we'll see you again.

Billy Joe "B.J." Perry



Billy Joe "B. J." Perry, 68, of Ada, Oklahoma died June 12, 2014 at an Oklahoma City hospital. Services were June 16 at the Criswell Funeral Home Chapel, Ada, Oklahoma with Rev. Larry Hawkins officiating. Burial followed in High Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Perry was born May 9, 1946 at Oklahoma City. He attended Ada schools.

Mr. Perry was a cross country truck driver.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Glen Deatherage and Amanda Perry Deatherage; his grandmother, Casey Perry; a sister, Beverly Escue; a brother, Ed Deatherage; and two nephews, Billy Lloyd Deatherage and Kevin Deatherage.

He is survived by three daughters, Teresa Huerta-Carrizal and husband, Jesus, of Ada, Reba Perry and Glennye Perry, both of Ada; two brothers, Robert Deatherage, of Roff, Okla., and Monte Deatherage and wife, Cynthia, of Ada; five grandchildren, Christopher Carpenter, Thalia Carpenter, Ashley Hamilton, Sara Dobbs and Kelsy Hamilton; three great-grandchildren, Rainah, Rayan and Rory Bond; and many nephews, nieces, cousins, aunts and uncles.

Bearers were Tim Deatherage, J. D. Deatherage, Mark Johnson, Gene Goodman, Doug McClure, Jeremy Johnson and Michael Carpenter. Honorary bearers were Stacy Imotichey, Jesus Huerta-Carrizal, Mark Bohanan, Joseph Billey and Bryan Billey.

Obituaries may be viewed and online condolences sent to criswellfh.com .

LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
November 21, 2014

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Chairperson Connie Barker called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. She appointed Ms. Monette Richardson as Recording Secretary Pro Tempore for the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL
Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker
Member absent: Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus
Staff present: Monette Richardson, Recording Secretary Pro Tempore, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel
Guests present: Sandy Homer, Kristina Gudiran, Sherri Sanders, Trish Fowler Hayes, Michael L. Wingo, Dana Lance, Bethany Gill, Roger Fowler

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION
Invocation was given by Mr. Woerz.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - October 17, 2014
A motion was made by Ms. Elliott and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve the minutes of October 17, 2014.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
11 yes votes
The motion to approve the minutes of October 17, 2014 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS
There was no unfinished business to discuss.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
There were no reports of the committees.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)
Comments from Ms. Sandra Homer
Ms. Homer made comments of her unfair treatment while employed with Housing. Ms. Sherri Sanders also made comments of similar experiences when she was employed with Housing.
Ms. Elliott announced the elders Thanksgiving Dinner was today at the Agri Plex, the Christmas Carol radio play would be preformed this evening at the Ataloa Theatre, and the All Nations Pow Wow will be December 6 at the Agri Plex, in Ada.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT
The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:25 a.m.
Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Elliott, Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

Prepared by:
Doretta Sellers,
Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole
December 15, 2014
Present: Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker
Absent: Beth Alexander, Mary Jo Green

Finance Committee
December 8, 2014
Present: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods
Absent: David Woerz

December 15, 2014
Present: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Steve Woods
Land Development Committee
December 8, 2014
Present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Steve Woods, Connie Barker
Absent: Mary Jo Green, David Woerz

Legislative Committee
December 8, 2014
Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
Absent: Mary Jo Green

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DECEMBER 2014 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number 32-002
Approval of Development Budget Amendment
Purcell Community Center Phase II
Explanation: Resolution GR30-006, passed in October 2012, approved the expansion of the Purcell Clinic with a budget of \$5,100,000. This resolution increases the development budget amount for the Purcell Clinic Expansion project by \$1,700,000 for a total budget of \$6,800,000. The additional funding will allow the addition of up to 3,000 more square feet to include physical therapy and allow for efficient patient flow within the clinic. The additional space along with the increased construction and equipment costs over the last two years justify the increase in budget.
Presented By: Finance Committee
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker
Absent: Mary Jo Green

General Resolution Number 32-003
Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Stephens County
Explanation: This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Duncan, Stephens County, Oklahoma, for addition to the Chickasaw Nation Chisholm Trail Casino property described as:
A tract of land described as beginning 1322.19 feet N 00°00'45" W and 96.00 feet S 89°54'48" W of the Southeast corner of Section 31, T2N, R7W, I.M., Stephens County, Oklahoma and being on the West Right of Way line of US Highway 81; Thence S 89°54'48" W along the South boundary of the South Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (S/2 SE/4 NE/4 SE/4) of said section a distance of 564.93 feet to a point being the Southwest corner of said S/2 SE/4 NE/4 SE/4; thence N 00°00'11" E along the West boundary of said S/2 SE/4 NE/4 SE/4 a distance of 330.50 feet to a point being the Northwest corner of said S/2 SE/4 NE/4 SE/4; Thence N 89°54'34" E along the North boundary of said S/2 SE/4 NE/4 SE/4 a distance of 560.83 feet to a point on said West Right of Way of US Highway 81; Thence S 00°42'21" E along said Right of Way a distance of 330.56 feet to the point of beginning, containing 186,043.88 square feet or 4.27 acres more or less.
Property Location: 96 RT 4, Duncan, Oklahoma
Use: Addition to the Chickasaw Nation Chisholm Trail Casino property
Purpose: Self-determination/Economic Development
Presented by: Land Development Committee
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker
Absent: Mary Jo Green

General Resolution Number 32-004

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County
Explanation: This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, for addition to the Chickasaw Nation Capitol campus properties described as:
Photo Book 176 on Page 4
Lots 1, 2 and 3 in Block 68 in the Town of Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded map and plat thereof.
AND
The West 60 feet of Lot 10 in Block 44, Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded map and plat thereof and being a portion of Photo Book 208 on Page 309 in the office of the Johnston County Clerk, more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at the Southwest Corner of Lot 10 of Block 44 in the Town of Tishomingo; Thence N 34°35'21" E along the West line of Lot 10, a distance of 139.76 feet to the Northwest Corner thereof;
Thence S 55°28'40" E along the North line of Lot 10, a distance of 60.00 feet to the Northeast Corner of the West 60 feet of Lot 10;
Thence S 34°35'22" W along the East line of the West 60 feet of Lot 10, a distance of 139.73 feet to the Southeast Corner thereof, said point being on the South line of Block 44;
Thence N 55°30'42" W along said South line, a distance of 60.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.19 Acres. All bearings contained in this legal description were based upon True North. Prepared on this date, November 8, 2014, by Obert D. Bennett, RPLS No. 1471 Oklahoma.
Property Location: 306 & 308 North Mickle Street and 404, 406 & 409 West 7th Street, Tishomingo, Oklahoma
Use: Addition to the Chickasaw Nation Capitol campus properties
Purpose: Self-determination/Economic Development
Presented by: Land Development Committee
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker
Absent: Mary Jo Green

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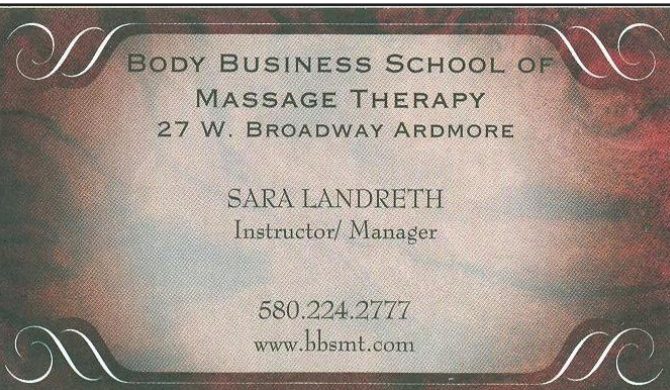
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